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The Weimer Blowing Engine.

The opinion is gaining ground among metallurgists that while much thought has been directed to a greater fuel economy in the blast furnace itself, too little attention has been given to the question of providing blowing engines of an efficiency equal to that attained with machinery in other branches of manufacture. Blast furnace engineers ought to be, and are, rapidly becoming very careful in this part of their profession, and give prompt expression to their appreciation of blowing machinery of true merit. Among more recent designs which is meeting with approval, is that invented by Mr. P. L. Weimer, whose first engine of this description was shown in motion during the Centennial Exhibition, and has since been operating the Pine Grove Furnace, Pennsylvania.

Notwithstanding the depressed times which followed the exhibition, orders came in with flattering rapidity, until at the present there are 10 anthracite, 9 coke and bituminous coal and 11 charcoal furnaces in eight States supplied with the Weimer engines. One pair of them, with blowing cylinders 5 feet in diameter and 3-foot stroke, are also employed in cleaning sheet iron by means of Tilghman's sand blast, at W. D. Woods & Co.'s Russia sheet mill, McKeesport, Pa., and are delivering 15,000 cubic feet of air per minute. Smaller engines have been constructed for foundry and forge service, and for gas generators and piston blowers, engines built upon the same plan, but operated by belt, have been erected in a number of localities.

The massive, slow-moving, geared engine, formerly used in rolling mill service, and the large geared marine engine which was employed to drive propellers, had each been abandoned and direct connected engines of the highest efficiency substituted, leaving the blowing engine, up to 1876, as the only relic of what has been termed "ancient engineering." For 30 years Mr. Weimer has been engaged in building blowing machinery, and much study and a large amount of money were devoted to improving it. Becoming convinced that it was possible to so construct a blowing engine as to obtain the full efficiency of the modern steam engine, he tried numerous experiments to overcome the difficulties in the arrangement of the blowing cylinders, for it was evident that the blowing engine could not be made to run at the speed of an ordinary steam engine unless the area of inlet opening was much greater than was possible with any arrangement of the valves in the ordinary type of engines. No class of engine is so well adapted to rapid piston speed as the blowing engine, particularly when the design is vertical. The air in the blowing cylinder forms a cushion for arresting the momentum of the moving parts of the engine, and relieves the crank pins of this duty, incident to other quick-moving engines, when not met by early admission of steam or strong steam compression—two untenable positions in a well-constructed blowing engine.

In order to get an increased area of inlet, and at the same time secure a quick-acting valve which is not easily destroyed, the blowing cylinder heads are divided into sector-shaped recesses, each of which has a similar shaped valve box keyed into them. In each of the sector-shaped valve boxes there are five valves, four at the sides and one at the bottom, the top being left open for admission of air. A casing encircles the blast cylinder, and a series of valves act upon openings in the periphery, serving as discharge valves; the air passing into the annular space between the casing and cylinder, and thence through suitable connections to the receiver. The valves are made of sheet gum, perforated with rectangular ports, and working between gridiron seats and gridiron guards; the openings in seats and guards alternating so that when a valve is raised from its seat the air passes through the ports in it. The valves lift but 5-16ths of an inch to accomplish their maximum duty; the openings in gridiron seats and guards are 5/8ths of an inch wide. In order to expel all the air from the dead spaces between the valve boxes, the blowing piston is made in the form of a broad-faced pulley, 14 to 20 inches wide, on a 1/4-inch web. Six or eight radial arms connect the hub (through which the piston rod passes) to the flange of the pulley on both the upper and lower sides of the piston, serving to strengthen it; and by passing into the spaces between the valve boxes, expel the air therefrom.

Owing to its peculiar form and arrangement, it is claimed that the engine illustrated can be run at any speed without injury to the air valves, and therefore a much smaller engine of the Weimer type than other styles of blowing engine can be used to do a given amount of work. The smaller engine means less expense for foundations, and for a protecting building, reduction of first cost, and decrease of cost of maintenance.

The steam valves are of the balanced poppet form, operated by double cams, so placed on peculiar shaped operating levers that the upper face of the cam works against a steel die on valve rod, and the lower face secures the positive closing and locks the valve to its seat. The motion of the rock-shaft is obtained through a telescoping operating rod, connected to a counter-crank working on the crank pin of one fly wheel. This operating rod is made telescopic so as to per-

mit of "handling" the engine without unhooking at the rock shaft, and by means of a spring catch, the engine can be instantly thrown "in gear." The main shaft runs in cylindrical brasses turned to fit into bored bearings, and can be readily removed. The lower steam cylinder head is extended to form caps for pillow blocks, which are held in place by large housing screws pressing centrally on the upper bearing, and having large recessed receptacles for lubricants.

The piston rod is continuous, and extends through both steam and air cylinders. It is forged in one piece, having an eye formed in it at the center. The crosshead is also forged in one piece, and is slotted to receive the eye on the piston rod, to which it is pivoted by means of a neatly fitted pin. The ordinary gibs are dispensed with on the con-

6 feet in diameter and 4-foot stroke; the smaller engine cost but half the amount paid for the larger. It drives the larger of the two furnaces, and has frequently shown a capacity for operating both furnaces with ease, which cannot be done as well by the larger engine. As another instance of the performance of these engines, we may mention that at Pottstown one of the new style engines, 7 feet in diameter and 4-foot stroke, is supplying blast for an anthracite furnace 16-foot bosh and 65 feet high, making 400 tons of iron per week, the pressure frequently reaching 16 1/2 pounds. This engine is illustrated in the accompanying engraving. At Longdale, Virginia, one of these engines, having a blowing cylinder only 48 inches in diameter and 30-inch stroke, operates in connection with a

operate an additional furnace of the same size.

At present there are two machine works besides Mr. Weimer's shops at Lebanon engaged in constructing these engines, with the probabilities favorable to another works being added.

Cheap Sheffield Cutlery.

The *Engineer* writes as follows on a subject which has been attracting much attention of late:

It appears that goods purporting to be Sheffield cutlery, and marked "Sheffield," are being sent into the foreign markets in heavy weights, the intention being to compete with and undersell the German manufacturers. The material used in this sort of

rage for cheapness is encouraging a competition in a quality of articles which cannot fail to bring an important industry into disrepute among all who are deceived. The Cutler's Company was formed to prevent such industrial deception and to maintain the high reputation of all Sheffield articles with a cutting edge; but it is difficult to see how the trade is to be stopped. Dealers, of course, could prevent it; and customers abroad have no mean power in their hands. Standard houses brand all their goods with name and trade-mark; and there is scarcely a maker who has a reputation to lose who does not in some way indicate the work of his hands. If customers would decline to buy goods which did not bear the makers' names, they would do much to limit the mischief which may be wrought; if they would do more—keep a keen watch on scissors particularly, and when they are deceived by cast metal for steel, let the dealer or maker know that he was found out—the supply of dishonest goods would soon be a game which would not be worth the candle.

The Preservation of Railroad Ties in Germany.

Herr Funk, a prominent railroad official of Germany, has, in a paper contributed to a technical periodical, given the results of experience made with the preservation of railroad ties in Germany, where various systems are very widely used. He has found, in the course of his investigations, that the average life of unimpregnated ties on the German and Austrian railroads has been as follows up to the present time:

	Years.
For oak ties.....	13.6
For fir ties.....	7.2
For pine ties.....	5.1
For beech ties.....	3.9

The average life of ties impregnated in a rational manner, with creosote or chloride of zinc under a powerful pressure, reaches:

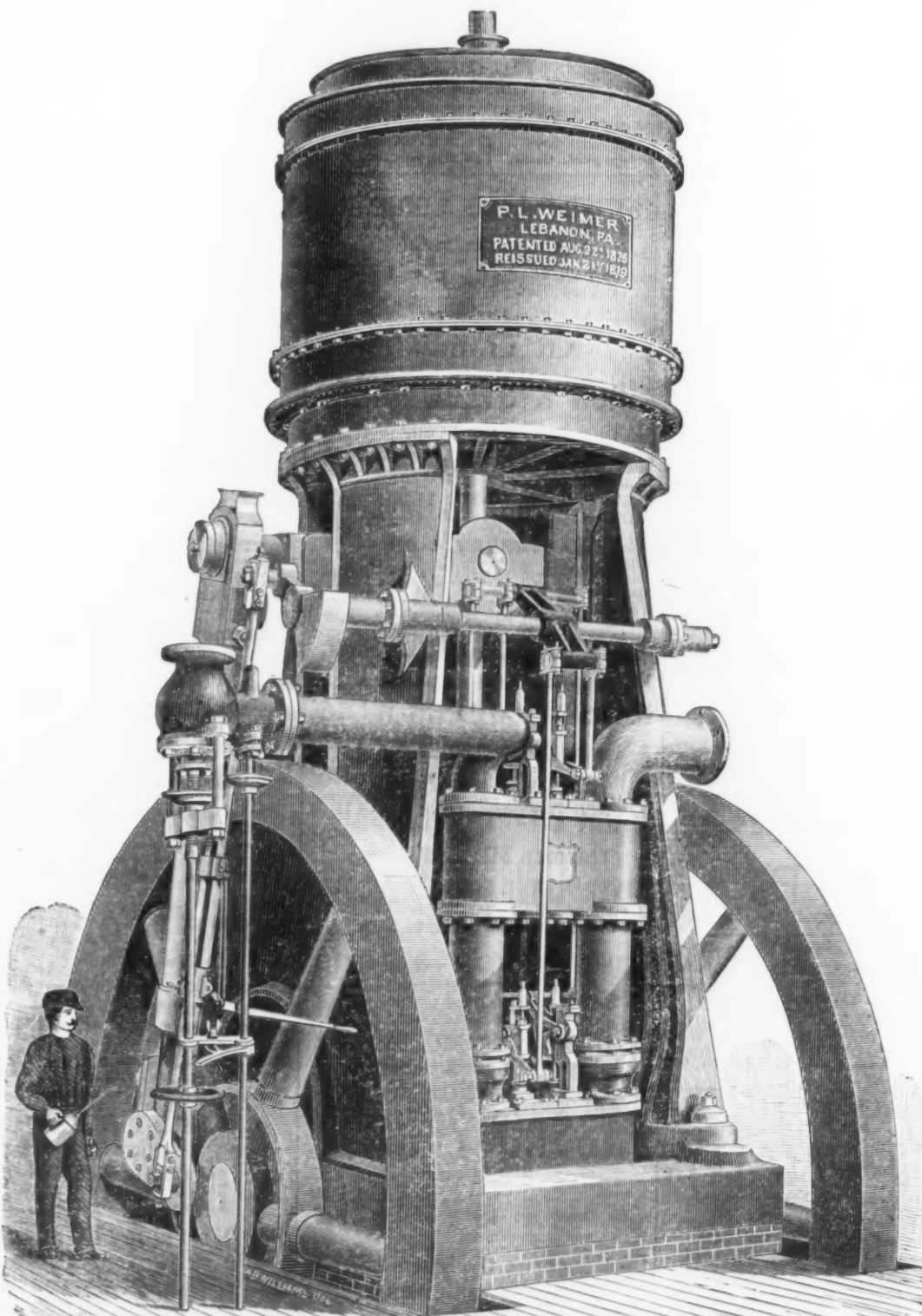
	Years.
For oak ties.....	19.5
For fir ties.....	14 to 16
For pine ties.....	8 to 10
For beech ties.....	15 to 18

The average life of 831,341 pine ties on 13 German railroads, impregnated on various systems, is calculated at 14.0 years. The plan of simply steeping the ties cold in the impregnated fluid, or warming them or boiling them therein, has been abandoned by most of the roads formerly practicing it, owing to its unsatisfactory results, and the system of impregnating under a strong pressure is being universally adopted. A few roads steep their ties in corrosive sublimate without pressure and are satisfied with the result. The employment of blue vitriol for impregnation is being more and more abandoned in favor of chloride of zinc, because the result is not so satisfactory, which may be owing to the fact that only steeping—or, at most, a weak hydrostatic pressure—is employed for impregnation, and an expensive copper tank is required for the purpose. The material itself is almost four times as expensive as chloride of zinc, while the results of impregnation with the latter and creosote are about equal. But as the impregnation with creosote costs about three times as much as with chloride of zinc, a majority of the German railroads have gone over to the latter.

Niello Work.—This beautiful class of work, which is so much made in Russia, and especially in the Caucasian provinces, is a sort of enameling upon silver with a paste consisting chiefly of the sulphide of the metal itself. The following account of the process is given by Dr. Percy: Take 4 drams of silver, 2 ounces and 12 drams each of copper and sal ammoniac, 3 ounces and 4 drams of lead, and 12 ounces of flower of sulphur. Make a paste of the flower of sulphur and water; put it into a crucible; afterward melt the metals, and pour them into the crucible which contains the paste; recover this vessel in order that the sulphur may not take fire, then calcine over the fire until all the superfluous sulphur is driven off; afterward finely pulverize the mass, and make, with the addition of a solution of sal ammoniac, a paste, which introduce, by means of rubbing, into the parts intended to be enameled; then clean the article, and place it in a furnace, where it is sufficiently heated to melt the paste which fills the engraved parts and make it adhere to the metal. That done, moisten the article with a solution of sal ammoniac, and heat it in a muffle to redness; after which you may rub and polish the article when it has become cold, without fear either of altering or of detaching the enamel; it remains always of a very fine black color.

Iron Ore Exports from Bilbao, Spain.

—According to the *Revista Minera*, the exports of iron ore from the port of Bilbao were, during the year 1879, to England and Wales 692,972 tons, Cardiff and Newport being the principal ports, with 299,885 and 219,783 tons, respectively, thus showing that the Welsh iron district is chiefly dependent upon that source for rich, pure ores. Scotland received 42,471 tons, while 121,821 tons entered Rotterdam, probably all in transit for German works. Belgium received only 39,531 tons, while France took 203,621 tons. The shipments to this country footed up to only 17,420 tons, of which 14,393 tons entered New York, 1453 tons Philadelphia, 1338 tons Baltimore, and 201 tons Perth Amboy.



THE WEIMER BLOWING ENGINE.

necting rods, and a single key and large bolt used instead.

The endeavor has been to construct an engine to meet the peculiar requirements of the blast furnace, to combine strength, simplicity and great capacity, and to furnish a blowing machine which can meet the varied demands of pressure and volume incident to furnace management, in as small compass as is consistent with the convenience in getting at the different parts of the engine. One of the special features in the manufacture of these engines, is that each one is set up complete, at the works where they are manufactured, and tested, in presence of the purchaser, if desired, to the maximum speed and volume which may be required of it under any emergency which may arise during its use.

In the engine house of the Henry Clay Furnaces, in Reading, Pa., there are two Weimer blowing engines, both substantially constructed and proportioned. One is an old style upright engine, 7 feet in diameter and 7-foot stroke; the other, a new style upright,

water pressure engine. During the dry season of 1879 the furnace had to depend on the Weimer engine, and made with it 200 tons coke iron per week. When the size of the blowing cylinder and the work done are considered, this is truly a remarkable duty performed.

The Fannie Furnace No. 2, at Shawnee, Ohio, 50 x 13, using raw bituminous coal, is supplied by a new style Weimer engine with blowing cylinder 6 feet in diameter and 3-foot stroke. During an interval when the engine connected with No. 1 furnace (50 x 12) was stopped for repairs, both furnaces were satisfactorily blown by the Weimer engine through 12 4-inch tuyeres delivering 10,000 cubic feet of air per minute.

The Spring Lake Charcoal Furnace, in Michigan (11x47 feet) which has gained renown by producing an average of nearly 60 gross tons of pig iron in a day, is blown by a new style Weimer engine 5 feet in diameter and 4-foot stroke. The only objection made to this engine is that it is too large, it having developed sufficient reserve capacity to

cutlery is cast metal. It is deeply to be deplored that there should be any rivalry in the production of such rubbish. It is certainly a serious business when the good name of Sheffield knives, forks and scissors is thus tampered with. Of late years the Sheffield manufacturer has had to contend against the importations of German firms who have aimed at cheapness rather than quality. These goods, like the famous razors, were made to sell and not to wear. But there was always this redeeming feature about it; the Sheffield cutler could say that these goods when stamped with "Sheffield" bore a lie on their face. They were, as a matter of fact, made in Germany, and sent to Sheffield, whence they were re-sent to the various markets of the world. Now it is no longer possible to say that the wares are not of Sheffield make, for certain dealers are getting them made in Sheffield. Purchasers in foreign lands will buy the goods, thinking they are of Sheffield steel, and when they have tried them a few times the cast metal will make itself apparent. The

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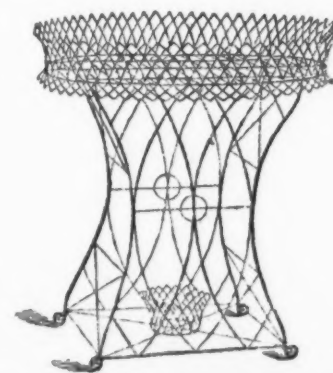
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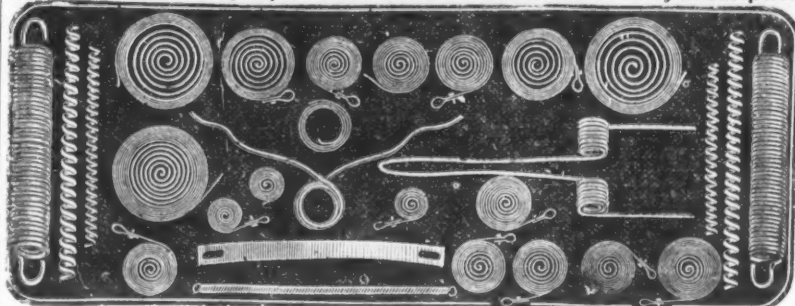
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The Commissioners of the Seventh Cincinnati Industrial Exposition offered for competition a premium of \$500 for the best smoke burning device to be attached to steam boiler furnaces. Those submitted for test trials were the "Walker," designed by R. L. Walker & Co., of Boston, Mass.; the "Fisher," by Lawrence, Foulde & Fisher, of Cincinnati, O.; the "Eureka," by Douglass, Ludlow & Hart, of Cincinnati, the "Price," by William Price, of Cincinnati, and the "Murphy," by Thos. Murphy, of Detroit, Mich. A series of trials with these furnaces were conducted by John W. Hill, M. E., whose report contains the following data in reference to the performance of the devices tested.

Pittsburgh coal was chosen for the trials for several reasons:

1. The high percentage of volatile matter and facility with which it is distilled from the coal, makes it a difficult combustible to work in furnaces designed for smoke prevention; and a furnace capable of good results in this respect when worked with Pittsburgh coal, can be relied upon to furnish equivalent if not better results with any other coal.

2. Pittsburgh coal contains a higher percentage of combustible and a higher thermal value per unit of weight than any other known coal; and economic results obtained from the use of this coal exhibit the maximum possible efficiency of furnaces under the conditions of trial.

3. Pittsburgh coal is well-known throughout the United States, wherever bituminous coal is used, and the results of these trials can readily be compared with the result of many former trials on furnaces and boilers where coal has been used, the relative value of which has been established.

From the analysis, for the purpose of these trials, by Prof. Bruno Kniffler, chemist, and the known distribution of heat in the trial of the "Murphy" furnace, the thermal value has been taken at 15,500 heat units per pound of combustible. The coal was weighed to all the furnaces, save the "Murphy," in uniform charges of 200 pounds, and dumped in the boiler room ready for use. The coal was weighed to the "Murphy" furnace in uniform charges of 100 pounds. The charges and weights of coal were noted and checked independently by two observers; and no charge was permitted to be removed from the scale until both observers were satisfied as to the weight, and had entered the charge in their note books. At close of each trial, after the fires were restored to their original condition under the direction of Mr. Hill, the unburned coal was weighed back and deducted from the total quantity charged. The fires having been sliced and cleaned before the trials began, all ash and clinker accumulated during the trials was weighed back dry, and deducted from net coal charged, to obtain the weight of combustible in the coal fired. Of the accumulations in the ash pits of the several furnaces, were small quantities of combustible which worked through the grates during the trial, the values of which have been estimated in percentages of net coal charged.

The water delivered to the boilers was carefully measured in a tight tank, divided into two compartments; one compartment contained 1728.5 pounds, and the other 1727.0 pounds, with water at 70° F. The compartments of the measuring tanks were alternately filled from the city mains to the crest of the central partition, and drawn down to the lower edge of the outlet pipe. Uniform volumes of water were delivered by the measuring tank for all of the trials. From either compartment of the measuring tank, the water was drawn into a supplemental tank, connected with the feed to the boiler. The level of water in the supplemental tank being carefully noted at commencement of trial, the same level was made to obtain at the close of trial, and the number of full tanks charged, and the final partial tank held to represent the total delivery of water to the boiler during the trial.

In order to determine the thermal value of the steam furnished by the boilers, a small proportion of the evaporation was drawn through a calorimeter and condensed. The condensation was collected in a tight tin can and periodically weighed. The water expended in condensing the steam was measured into a tight barrel, through a Worthington meter. The water from the barrel entered the calorimeter near the bottom, at a normal temperature, and passed out of the calorimeter near the top, at an elevated temperature. The elevation of temperature being due to the heat transferred from the steam to the water, which was all the heat the steam contained, except the small quantity resident in the condensation as it flowed from the end of the worm. The temperature of the condensing water as it entered and left the calorimeter, and the temperature of the condensation as it left the worm, were read to quarter degrees regularly every fifteen minutes. As the economic and capacity results of the trials largely depended upon the calorimeter data, this portion of the work was placed in charge of an experienced assistant, and his readings were frequently checked to insure accuracy in the observations.

The steam pressure, barometer readings, water heads in the syphon gauge, and temperatures of water from the city mains, of the feed to the boilers, of the air entering the furnaces and of the waste gases in the uptake, were taken regularly every fifteen minutes during the trials. The hygrometer readings for weight of vapor of water in the air entering the furnace were taken every thirty minutes; and the temperature of furnace gases, by calorimeter process, were taken hourly.

The observations of smoke issuing from the chimney were taken by two independent observers alternately, every seven and one-half minutes during the trials, except when the darkness, toward the close of trials prevented an accurate reading of the chimney. In reading the chimney gases the following novel code governed the observers: The entire absence of smoke was taken at 100, indicating the best possible smoke prevention. Faint traces of smoke in the waste gases

were taken at 90, indicating results rarely obtained with ordinary furnace construction and the most skillful firing. Discoloration of the waste gases readily perceptible was taken at 75, indicating a state of smoke prevention considerably above the average of ordinary furnace performance. Ordinary smoke issuing from the chimney was taken at 50, indicating a state of smoke prevention slightly above the average of ordinary furnace performance. The ordinary condition of chimney gas, with which Cincinnatians are so familiar, was taken at 30, indicating no smoke prevention at all; and the last stage of dense black smoke was taken at 10. The notations, except for the entire absence of smoke, are nearly inversely as the weights of free carbon in the waste gases issuing from the chimney. The duration of the trials was 10 hours for each furnace.

The following are the data observed, the figures given being a mean of 41 observations

STEAM PRESSURE.			
	Lbs.		Lbs.
Walker furnace...	38.755	Fisher furnace...	30.287
Eureka furnace...	38.755	Price furnace...	32.100
attachment...	36.181	Murphy furnace...	31.575

TEMPERATURE—FAHR.			
	Air.	Water.	Feed.
Walker furnace...	100.07	70.25	70.095
Fisher furnace...	83.27	71.09	70.032
Eureka furnace attachment...	82.21	72.60	70.112
Price furnace...	81.40	73.69	70.050
Murphy furnace...	83.28	74.559	74.559

TEMPERATURE—FAHR.			
	Furnace, section.	Back con.	Waste gases.
Walker furnace—incan-	101.24	...	...
descent...	101.24	...	...
Walker furnace—green...	140.68	...	...
Fisher furnace...	102.94	66.12	54.28
Eureka furnace attachment...	102.94	66.12	54.28
Price furnace—incandes-	101.15	...	...
cent...	101.15	...	...
Furnace—green...	101.15	...	...
Murphy furnace...	101.15	...	...

CALORIMETER—FAHR.			
	Condens.	Conden-	Over-
	water, station.	station.	flow.
Walker Furnace...	74.09	85.43	87.66
Fisher Furnace...	73.94	83.49	86.14
Eureka Fur. Attachment...	73.43	79.02	81.42
Price Furnace...	70.42	85.71	87.22
Murphy Furnace...	74.37	77.08	114.96

Column I, in the following table, gives, in pounds, the weights of condensing water; column II, weights of steam condensed; and column III, the ratio of water to steam:

	I.	II.	III.
Walker Furnace...	3,256.75	58.00	64.43
Fisher Furnace...	10,041.53	139.00	72.240
Eureka Fur. Attach't.	6,633.61	57.18	116.018
Price Furnace...	6,308.82	93.25	68.233
Murphy Furnace...	5,504.70	105.50	33.611

The heat in the steam was found to be:

Walker Furnace, hours...	5.50
(11.57 x 64.43) + 85.43...	900.46
Fisher Furnace, hours...	10.00
(12.20 x 72.240) + 83.49...	904.73
Eureka Furnace Attachment, hours...	8.00
(7.99 x 116.018) + 79.02...	1005.93
Price Furnace, hours...	8.45
(20.82 x 68.233) + 85.71...	1506.32
Murphy Furnace, hours...	9.50
(40.59 x 33.611) + 77.08...	1441.35

The quantity of air used per pound of steam was:

	Lbs.		Lbs.
Walker Furnace...	34.547	Fisher Furnace...	34.768
Eureka furnace...	34.547	Price Furnace...	20.930
attachment...	27.4754	Murphy furnace...	23.804

The weight of the vapor of water in the air supporting combustion is stated in decimals of a pound, per pound of air supplied, in the following table. The total quantities of coal in pounds are shown in column I; ash, clinker and combustible returned, in column II; percentage of combustible, in column III, and combustible in ash, percentage of coal, in column IV.

	I.	II.	III.	IV.
Walker Furnace...	32.114	1500	202.00	04.685
Fisher Furnace...	01559	1806	87.50	93.365
Eureka Furnace attachment...	01485	3423	113.00	06.692
Price Furnace...	01707	2934	112.00	05.512
Murphy Furnace...	01618	779	23.75	06.306

The water delivered to the boilers was:

	Lbs.		Lbs.
Walker furnace...	2839.00	Fisher furnace...	10895.00
Eureka furnace...	2839.00	Price furnace...	2382.92
attach. ...	13453.77	Murphy furnace...	6544.50

The results of the trials prove accordingly:

SMOKE PREVENTION.			
	Readings	Rel. val.	
Walker...	Mean of 79	86.021	86.275
Fisher...	81	80.125	81.379
Eureka...	80	81.149	87.460
Price...	80	81.002	80.484
Murphy...	77	93.467	100.000

The evaporation of steam per pound of coal from temperature of feed apparent was:

	Lbs.		Lbs.
Walker...	7.5945	Price...	8.6425
Fisher...	5.3391	Murphy...	3.7921
Eureka...	9.6531		

The steam generated per pound of coal from and at 212° amounted to:

	Lbs.		Lbs.
Walker...	7.0021	Price...	11.8979
Fisher...	4.8280	Murphy...	12.450
Eureka...	8.3926		

The evaporation by the Eureka furnace attachment should be diminished by the amount of steam expended in maintaining the jets. The orifices in the nozzle are .0625-inch diameter, and aggregate area of orifice in the eight nozzles

$$8 \times .0625 \times .7854 = .0007 \text{ sup. foot.}$$

Considering the form of the nozzle and the partial throttling of steam in the supply pipe, it is probable that the velocity of flow referred to full area of orifice was about 1000 feet per second, from which is deduced the weight of steam expended per hour in working the device, as = 131.33 pounds, and percentage of steam absorbed by the device, = 3.953. The effective evaporation from and at 212° becomes = 8.0599 pounds. From these data it will be seen that the relative evaporation was:

	Lbs.		Lbs.
Walker...	56.227	Price...	95.870
Fisher...	39.779	Murphy...	100.000
Eureka...	64.739		

The relative capacity of the various furnaces and boilers proved to be:

	Price		
Walker...	70.877	Fisher...	1300.0
Fisher...	49.472	Murphy...	75.784
Eureka...	80.411		

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COMPOSITION OF COAL.

	Per cent.		Per cent.
Fixed carbon.....	61.038	Ash.....	3.042
Volatile matter.....	32.750		
Sulphur.....	0.863	Total.....	100.000
Moisture.....	2.307		

The thermal value of the combustible per pound is probably 15,500 units—equivalent to an evaporation from and at 212° F. of 16.045 pounds—from which is deducted the distribution of heat for the several furnaces (in thermal units) in steam from and at 212° F., and in percentage of total heat in combustible, as follows:

WALKER FURNACE.			
	Thermal units.	Steam.	Per cent.
Steam.....	7141.838	7.393	46.026
Chimney gas.....	3714.551	3.856	24.095
Vapor of water in air.....	160.516	0.175	1.093
Moisture in coal.....	30.129	0.031	0.194
Combustible gas.....	775.000	0.802	5.000
Radiation.....	3648.866	3.778	23.548
Total.....	15500.000	16.045	100.000

FISHER FURNACE.			
	Thermal units.	Steam.	Per cent.
Steam	4886.411	5.058	31.525
Chimney gas	7710.455	7.982	49.744
Vapor of water in air	218.775	0.247	1.540
Moisture in coal	30.330	0.031	0.196
Combustible gas	1085.000	1.123	7.000
Radiation	1549.029	1.604	9.995
Total	15500.000	16.045	100.000

EUREKA FURNACE ATTACHMENT.

	Thermal units.	Steam.	Per cent.
Steam.....	8384.555	8.699	54.094
Chimney gas.....	2616.616	2.700	16.881
Vapor of water in air.....	75.507	0.078	0.488
Moisture in coal.....	29.092	0.030	0.187
Combustible gas.....	620.000	0.642	4.000
Radiation.....	3774.040	3.907	24.350
Totals.....	15500.000	16.045	100.000

PRICE FURNACE.			
	Thermal units.	Steam.	Per cent.
Steam.....	12025.600	12.449	77.587
Chimney gas.....	1772.842	1.835	11.437
Vapor of water in air.....	60.390	0.062	0.389
Moisture in coal.....	28.874	0.030	0.186
Combustible gas.....	387.500	0.401	2.500
Radiation.....	1224.704	1.258	7.995
Totals.....	15500.000	16.045	100.000

MURPHY FURNACE.			
	Thermal units.	Steam.	Per cent.
Steam.....	12497.920	12.928	80.567
Chimney gas.....	1013.118	1.059	6.665
Vapor of water in air.....	32.101	0.033	0.207
Moisture in coal.....	27.086	0.028	0.174
Combustible gas.....	387.500	0.401	2.500
Radiation.....	1512.973	1.586	9.887
Totals.....	15500.000	16.045	100.000

The cost of the several furnaces above that of an ordinary furnace for steam boiler use, is not great, excepting with the Murphy; and even this furnace is not so expensive as to operate against its general introduction. The Eureka furnace attachment is the least expensive of the several systems submitted for trial. The Fisher system of construction adds very little to the cost of an ordinary furnace; and the added cost of the Price and Walker furnaces is not a serious item. The Murphy is the most expensive of all the furnaces tried, and the added cost of this system for a single boiler, according to the agent's statement, is about \$75. All the other furnaces cost much less than the Murphy.

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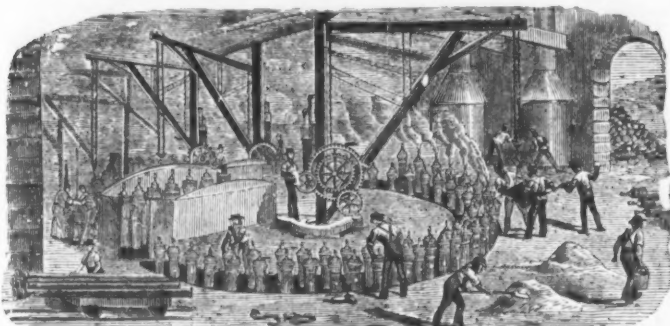
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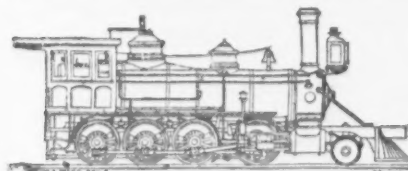
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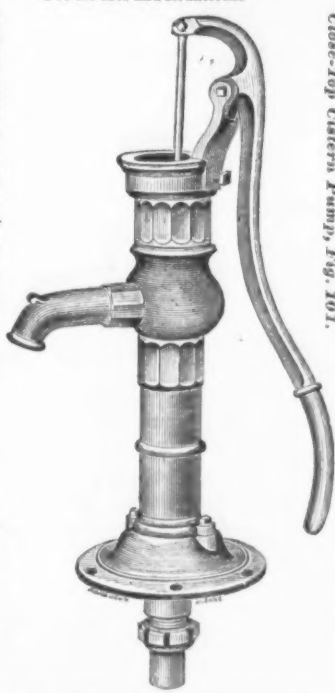
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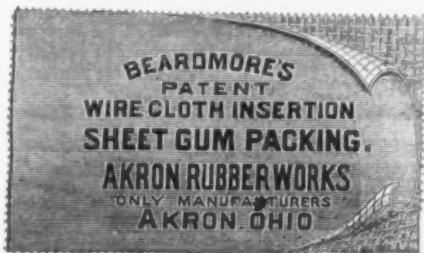


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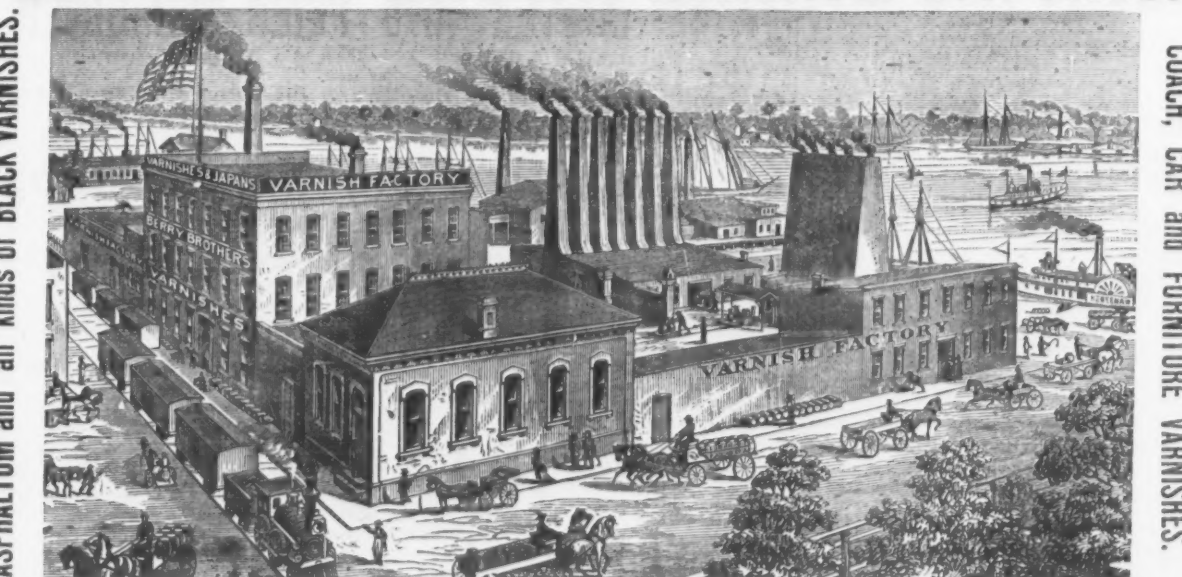
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Iron and Stoves.

The Metal Worker says: In our recent editorial remarks on the outlook for the stove trade, we omitted one point which should be better understood by dealers than it is—namely, the comparatively small effect of fluctuations in iron upon the cost of stoves. When the dealer learns that iron has declined from \$40 to \$30, for example, he commonly concludes that the cost of stoves has declined 25 per cent., and that his stock, if he has any, has depreciated in actual value by that amount. For this impression the manufacturers are in some degree to blame, for in their announcement of advances last winter they laid particular and unnecessary stress upon the advance in iron. This saved trouble, for the dealer could understand it, and would not be apt to inquire too curiously concerning the percentage added to the selling prices of stoves at wholesale, when fully impressed with the fact that iron had advanced 100 per cent., more or less. This was all right at the time, but for the same reason that he was satisfied then, he expects now to get the benefit of the subsequent decline in iron to the extent of that decline. But he cannot, and there is a good reason for this which he should understand. It will correct many mistakes to have it explained to him.

In another column we print an article on estimating the cost of stoves, which is intended for the information of manufacturers, but the dealers would do well to read it. From this they will see that iron is not by any means the most important of the items entering into the cost of stoves. What stoves cost to make is something about which no two manufacturers are ever quite agreed, but we are not far out of the way in saying that the present average cost of making and selling stoves is \$120 per ton. Pig iron at foundries will average at least \$30 per ton, and any dealer can see that the cost of a ton of iron, in the form of stoves, is only about one-quarter of the cost of the ton of stoves made and sold. The share of the total cost which belongs to the several groups of items may, by a rough classification, be stated as follows:

Iron, coal, sand and facings.....\$0.33
Labor, including clerks and travelers......50
Sundries......35
Total.....\$1.18

Subdividing the first item we can charge iron with only \$30, leaving \$5 for coal, sand and facings.

In estimating the influence of fluctuations in iron on the price of articles made therefrom, we must first know what proportion the value of the iron bears to the labor and other elements of cost. In the case of watch springs, to take an extreme example, the price would not be affected by fluctuations in iron between wider limits than were ever known. As compared with the labor, the value of the iron converted into steel and formed into the springs, is as nothing. In the case of nails, on the other hand, the cost of the iron may be three-quarters of the value of the finished product. In stoves, as we have seen, it is only about one-quarter, and, while it fluctuates somewhat, the items aggregating the other three quarters of cost are measurably constant.

With regard to iron, we can say that the outlook in this market is decidedly better and prices are unquestionably stiffening. When the fall demand is felt we expect a considerable advance, with a good feeling throughout the trade. Concerning the stove business, we are even more confident than we were two weeks ago, that there are no present grounds for uneasiness or apprehension. With good business and a fair foreign demand for our surplus agricultural products, there will be nothing to fear. The working classes are employed, the prosperous condition of the South is a new and important factor in the business situation, the immigration is enormous, and a vast area of new territory has been developed and is rapidly filling up with settlers. These are all favoring conditions. On the other hand, the supply of stoves is not great in proportion to the demand. Early in the year many foundries were run light for want of iron, and it is not improbable that before cold weather the demand for stoves will be greater than the foundries are able to meet. These are matters of opinion only, but we are happy to say that present indications warrant the confident views we have expressed.

The Coming Industrial Art Exhibition in Philadelphia.

The trustees of the Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art propose to give an exhibition at Memorial Hall, next September, of peculiar interest and importance. They want to make a display which will show what is being done in our mills and workshops, and which will illustrate the great advances of late years in the application of art to industry. In finding examples of this, we think they will have little trouble. Art work within the past five or six years has taken a strong hold upon our people, and manufacturers are beginning to find that a small amount of beauty added to the most ordinary of their products makes a very satisfactory return in the shape of profits. It is only within a comparatively recent period that the combination of usefulness and beauty has received any systematic attention. According to the old idea, art is one thing and industry another, and the two have nothing in common. A hard and fast line used to be drawn between the useful and the ornamental. An article might be the one or it might be the other, but it was neither desired nor expected to be both. Our practical ancestors were even prejudiced against pretty things. They had a vague idea that beauty excluded utility, and they had no notion that the province of art extended beyond the production of pictures or of bric-à-brac.

A writer says, in a recent newspaper article, that "what is now known as industrial art is entirely of modern creation. The French were the first to perceive that Art might be made the handmaid of Industry, and that the long-existing divorce between the two was induced by misapprehension." This is a great mistake, for it is only in

modern times that the divorce between Art and Industry took place. In the Middle Ages the workman was an artist as well as a workman. He had what it is almost impossible to find at the present day, even in cultivated society—a real love of nature and of the beautiful. Our art schools of the present day are doing wonders in the way of teaching; they are making workmen who are skilled in producing beautiful forms and are improving our manufactures to an almost unhopel extent. The unfortunate feature, however, is the fact that they are making art fashionable. They make it "the rage"—the "correct thing"—but they seem powerless to spread a real love of art and nature. Until workmen have a strong feeling of love for beautiful things, instead of simple admiration or pleasure in them, we cannot expect the wonderful results which came from the hands of the mechanics of 500 years ago.

Among modern nations the French were the first to realize that there is no inherent incompatibility between beauty and utility, and they set themselves at work to combine the two. A liberal and prescient government founded schools of design, and fostered in every way the artistic talent of the people. Such enterprise and intelligence had their reward. When the first great international exhibition was held, in 1851, the French were ahead in all the great branches of industry in which design can be made to play a part. The English were disagreeably surprised. They could not help noticing the superior attractiveness of the French products. It was borne in upon them that ground had been lost which would have to be made up, and no sooner had the exhibition closed than the establishment of art schools upon the French system was begun. What the exhibition of 1851 did for us in one sense. It gave the people an idea of the great value of art, and of the need in which the country stood for a system of art education. A great impulse has been given by the Centennial Exhibition to all our schools of art, and many new schools have been established which are doing good work in the education of the rising generation of producers and consumers. A great stride has been made during the four years which have elapsed since the opening of the Centennial, and the suggestion which is now put forward that this advance be illustrated by an appropriate exhibition is a very excellent one. There ought to be no difficulty in carrying it out. Nothing more is needed than the hearty co-operation of the manufacturers of Philadelphia, and that this will be forthcoming there is no reason to doubt. The scheme is one which should have something more than a local patronage. Anything which tends to advance the interests of industrial art is of universal interest. Although the exhibition, as we understand, is to be under the patronage of the Philadelphia School of Art, yet it should have the most hearty sympathy and co-operation of manufacturers in all parts of the country. Aid, both moral and financial, should be forthcoming if it is needed.

"Death in the Frying Pan."

Last week we published an article upon the subject of lead-coated frying pans, which had the heading of "Death in the Frying Pan." In it we gave a discussion which had taken place in Dublin, in regard to several cases of sickness that had resulted from eating food prepared in frying pans coated with lead instead of tin. An English firm have written a letter upon the subject, which appears in a late number of the *Ironmonger*. It is as follows:

SIR: In your issue of March 24 we notice an article under this head. We beg to inform you that frying-pan makers do not wish to produce the common article which has been made as now for a century, but it is the constant cry of the market for a cheap article, consequently makers are compelled to meet the public wish. About three years ago we introduced a pure tinned frying pan, which we guarantee without the slightest mixture, and other makers have since produced a similar article. They can be procured through all respectable merchants and factors, and, if not objected to, stamped with our trade-mark on the handle. Of course they are a little dearer, but the extra cost is not much compared with the increased value secured. It is now consumers' own fault if they do not obtain a pure and superior frying pan.

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A word about frying pans, and the materials for them, may not be out of place here. If a pan is to be used for frying, tin is not a suitable metal for a protecting coating, because its melting point is below that at which the ordinary fats used in cooking boil. Lard, for example, boils at a temperature of some 160 degrees higher than the melting point of tin. As good and wholesome frying cannot be done unless the lard is nearly up to the boiling point, it is easily seen that tin is not a proper metal for the purpose, on account of the easy destruction of the coating by the necessary heat.—*The Metal Worker*.

A London correspondent describes an interesting chart of the iron trade now in course of preparation. It shows since 1830 the prices of various descriptions of pig and manufactured iron, and it appears that the total amount of pig iron turned out by British furnaces in 1830 was about one-tenth the amount manufactured in 1872, and that last year, despite the bad state of trade, the output was only about 500,000 tons less than in 1872, except during the years of the Crimean War and the American Civil War. The exports have since 1830 increased annually almost without a break from 117,135 tons, until the year 1872, when the total exports were 3,382,762 tons—an enormous difference. Since then, however, the quantity has fallen off till in 1879 it amounted to only 2,224,470 tons, since which time it has again increased, and last year amounted to 2,879,834 tons.

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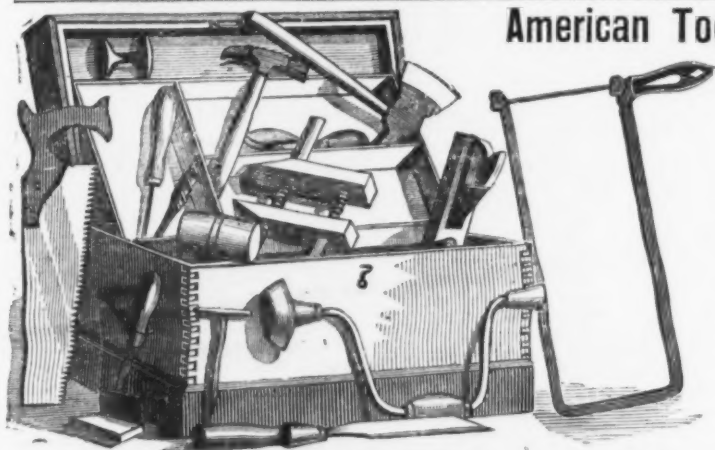
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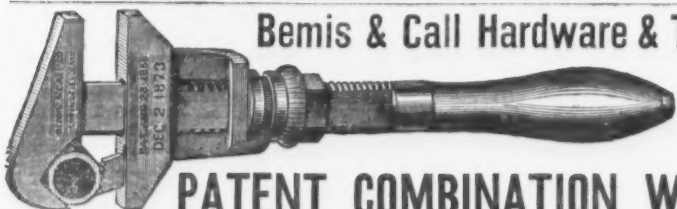
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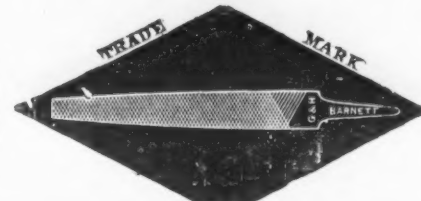
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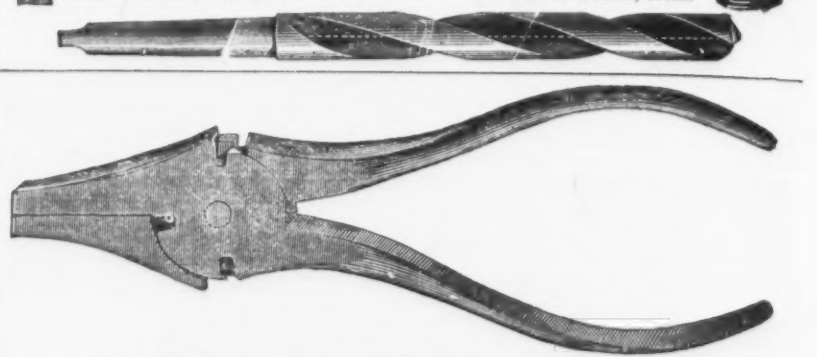
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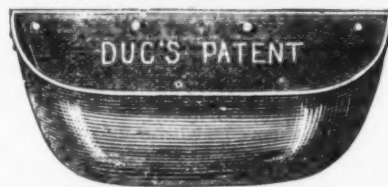
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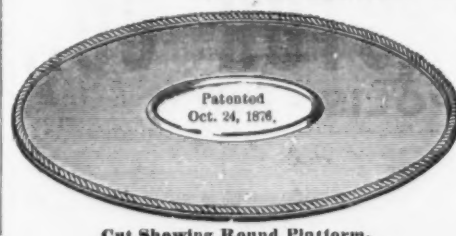
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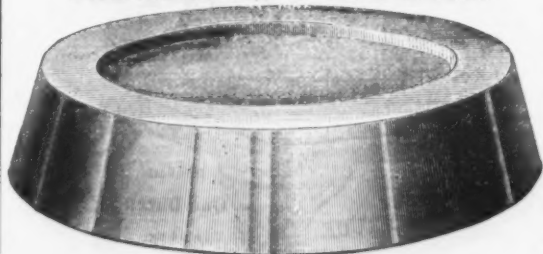
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Annual Meeting of the British Iron and Steel Institute.

Mr. Henry Simon, of Manchester, read a paper on

THE CARVÉS SYSTEM FOR UTILIZING THE BY-PRODUCTS IN THE MANUFACTURE OF COKE.

This system, to which we have already referred, appears to have been in continuous operation at the Besseges works of the Terrenoire Company, France, since the year 1867, when 25 coke ovens were erected. The results there obtained are clearly set forth in the following table:

	1878.	1879.
Coal consumed, in metric tons	41,797	46,000
Number of coke	75	96
Coke produced, in tons	29,166	33,092
Production of coke per oven per year, in tons	355	344
Tar obtained, in tons	851	1,099
Ammoniacal liquor obtained, in tons	3,995	4,393
Sulphate of ammonia made, in tons	122	.....
Yield of coke according to books, per cent.	69.8	70.5
Yield of coke after deduction of water contained in washed coal, per cent.	74.2	75.0
Tar per metric ton of coal, in lbs.	45.0	51.6
Tar per ton of coke, in lbs.	64.4	73.2
Ammoniacal liquor per ton of coal, in lbs.	210.8	206.3
Ammoniacal liquor per ton of coke, in lbs.	302.0	291.3
Small fuel consumed under grates per ton of coke made, in lbs.	33.5	35.0

According to the Carvès system, the coal is rapidly carbonized by subjecting a comparatively thin layer of it to a high temperature in a closed and retort-like vessel, and while in the beehive ovens the volatile products are burned inside, they are in this case burned around the outside of this retort-like vessel, and only after they are deprived of the tar and ammoniacal liquor. Each oven is in the form of a long, high, narrow chamber of brickwork, and a number of these are built side by side, with partition walls between them sufficiently thick to contain horizontal flues. Flues are also formed under the floor of each oven, and at one end of these is a small fire-place, consisting of a fire-grate and ashpit with suitable door, the fire door having fitted above it a nozzle, through which gas produced from the coking is admitted, to form a flame over some fuel burning on the grate. Only a very trifling amount of such fuel, consisting exclusively of the small refuse coke, is used here, its function being really more that of igniting the gas than that of giving off heat. These grates are not charged with fuel more than twice every 24 hours when in regular work. The products of combustion pass from the fire-place along a flue under the oven floor to the end furthest from the fire. They return along another flue under the floor to the fire end; they then ascend by a due in the partition wall to the uppermost of several horizontal flues formed therein, and descend in a zigzag direction along these flues, finally passing into a horizontal channel leading to a chimney. Thus the coke oven is heated at the bottom in the usual manner, but also evenly at the sides, and the coal with which it is charged becomes rapidly and completely coked. No air is allowed to enter the ovens, which, in reality, are closed vessels, with the exception of the openings for the escape of the volatile products. The improved ovens are fed with coal by openings in the roof, over which coal trucks are run on rails; and the coal is evenly distributed by rakes introduced at end openings provided with doors, faced with refractory material, which doors are closed and kept tightly luted while the oven is in operation. The feed holes in the roof are also provided with covers. Through the middle of the roof rises a gas pipe provided with a hydraulic valve, which closes the passage by a lip projecting down from it into an annular cavity surrounding its seating, in which it is immersed in a quantity of tar and ammoniacal liquor lodged there during previous distillations. The volatile products of the coal distillation rise by the gas pipe, and are led through a range of pipes kept cool by external wetting, so that the tar and ammoniacal liquor become condensed and separated from the combustible gas. When a charge is nearly finished and ready to be taken from the oven, some trucks full of coal are placed ready on the rails going right along on the top of the ovens and over the charging holes. The two end doors are then opened. The mass of coke, measuring about 30 feet long by 2 feet thick and 6 feet high, is pushed out at the back of the oven and on to the bank by means of a ram or piston, worked by a portable steam engine running on rails in front, and similar to the well-known arrangement used with the Copée ovens. The ram can be brought opposite to each oven in turn. The coke is then quenched as usual. Experience has shown that a great deal depends upon the dimensions of the vertical section of the ovens to insure the proper quality of coke. At the outset they were made too wide and too low, so that the width has been gradually decreased from 6 feet 6 inches to 2 feet, and the height has become at least 6 to 7 feet. M. Jouguet, of Besseges, has made experiments to show how the size of the ovens affects the hardness of coke, or its resistance to crushing strain per square inch, with the following results, in pounds:

Carvès oven, 27.5 inches wide	9.4
Carvès oven, 26.0 inches wide	11.3
Carvès oven, 19.7 inches wide	13.2
Beehive oven	6.2
Belgian oven	7.5
Copée oven	11.4

It is claimed that, besides giving a denser, harder coke, the yield itself is also considerably increased. An additional advantage is that the heat of the gases can be utilized for generating steam. M. Jouguet states that at the Besseges works, steam is produced to the extent of about 45 pounds and of 4 1/2 atmospheres' pressure per hour and per ton of coal coked, and he thinks that, under more favorable circumstances, 59 pounds of steam should be obtained. Now, as at Besseges 1400 kilos. (3080 pounds) of coal are carbonized per oven and per 24 hours, it follows that, taking about 17 1/2 pounds of steam as necessary to produce one horse-power per hour, each oven gives about 3 3/4 horse-power

of motive power, and could be driven to give about 4 3/4 horse-power. At Besseges all the machinery required in the manufacture of coke and its by-products is now being driven by steam raised in this way, and there remains a large surplus, which is used in the blowing engines for the Bessemer process for lifting charges to furnaces, &c.

Mr. Thos. Wrightson, of Stockton-on-Tees, read a supplementary paper entitled:

ON SOME PHYSICAL CHANGES OCCURRING IN IRON AND STEEL AT HIGH TEMPERATURES, in which he detailed a number of facts observed by him and bearing upon that much-discussed subject, the floating of solid cast iron in liquid iron. Mr. Wrightson has constructed an apparatus, called by him the oncosimeter, for measuring the changes of volume in cast iron when passing from the liquid to the solid state. He found that, while cooling from the liquid state, cast iron expands as much as 0.51 per cent. lineally which is equivalent to an increase in volume of 1.53 per cent. Again, in contracting from its maximum volume to its cold state, it decreased in diameter 1.17 per cent. lineally, or 3.51 per cent. in volume. He also made a series of experiments with balls of Cleveland foundry pig immersed in fluid iron of the same quality, and found that on the average the iron, in passing from the solid to the plastic condition, expands from a specific gravity of 6.95, when cold, to 6.50, when plastic, while the fluid iron has a density of 6.88. He holds that the separation of graphite cannot be the cause of the expansion of the iron when cooling down from the liquid to the plastic state, because white iron, which has no or little graphitic carbon, does not act differently, but expands considerably. The paper brought about quite a long and animated discussion, which, however, did not contribute much toward a final settlement of the questions at issue.

Mr. J. E. Stead contributed a communication on an improved apparatus designed for the analysis of blast furnace and other gases, for which he claims that it greatly facilitates the work of making analytical examinations, as many as three, or even four, analyses of blast furnace gas being made in one hour. We may pass briefly over this paper and over that of Messrs. Parry and Tucker, to whose researches on the application of the spectroscopic to the analysis of iron we referred some months since. Little importance attaches to the subject of Mr. A. H. Allen's paper on the existence of nitrogen in iron and steel. Mr. Demetrius Jouffroy, of St. Petersburg, gave the results obtained by testing steel rails at natural and artificially lowered temperatures. The experiments were made at the instance of the Russian government, whose efforts were directed to obtaining a hard rail, which at the same time would not be too brittle in winter weather. The tables embodying the results were sharply and deservedly criticised, notably by M. Gruner. In general, it may be said that the impression that mild steel resists intense cold best, was confirmed. The meeting was brought to a close by the reading of a paper on the separation of silica in the analysis of limestones, iron ores and other minerals by Mr. H. Rocholl, of the Clarence Iron Works, Middlesbrough.

British Shipbuilding Interests.—The Glasgow Mercantile Advertiser says: The recent fall in the price of pig iron cuts two ways. On the one hand it has had a deteriorating effect on several classes of stock, involving a pecuniary loss to ironmasters; and, on the other, it has had the effect of stimulating the shipbuilding trade. It is quite evident that both at home and abroad new vessels are required, and the hull in the iron trade, producing the fall in prices, has been the means of a number of contracts for large steamers coming to the front. These orders, however, have not yet covered the falling off in American orders; but as soon as there is evidence of continued increased demand a reactionary movement in prices will at once begin. In this connection we may refer to the work finished on the Clyde in April. The various firms on the river launched during that month 18 vessels, of an aggregate tonnage of 23,765 tons. The vessels launched comprised 11 steamers, 3 saloon paddle steamers, 1 iron sailing bark, 1 yacht, 1 lighter, and 1 large. The value of the returns for April will be seen by a comparison with those of previous periods. In March last the returns amounted to 17,567 tons; in April, 1879, to 8420 tons; in April, 1878, to 21,561 tons; in April, 1877, to 14,700 tons; in April, 1876, to 14,400 tons; in April, 1875, to 23,100 tons; in April, 1874, to 13,000 tons; and in April, 1873, to 27,500 tons. The figures for the month are made up chiefly by the launch of a new Anchor Liner of 3300 tons by Messrs. D. & W. Henderson & Co., a steamer of 3500 tons by Messrs. J. & G. Thomson, for the Canada Shipping Company, and three vessels (one by Messrs. A. and J. Inglis, and two by Messrs. John Elder & Co.) for the new fleet of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique.

The tendency of Europe on tariff questions is plainly shown by an English blue book, which gives the changes since 1876. Holland is the only country which has made considerable reductions, and there all import duties have been removed from leather, copper, lead, and from cotton, woolen and silk yarns. Switzerland and Denmark have made slight changes. Greece has added 10 per cent. as a war tax, and the always prohibitory Russian tariff has been increased 30 per cent. by the collection of the tax in gold instead of in paper. Norway and Sweden have made heavy additions, but chiefly on such luxuries as sugar, spirits, tobacco, &c. German import duties have been largely increased—on fine cotton yarn by as much as 200 per cent., on linen yarn by 300 per cent., and crude and manufactured iron and steel, which formerly were on the free list, are now heavily taxed. In Italy the tariff on cotton yarns has been raised about 20 per cent. on the coarser varieties and over 100 per cent. on the finer. In Austria, a decline on the lower numbers is made up by an increase of 30 per cent. on the finer kinds. In silk goods there is an increase of from 25 to 90 per cent.

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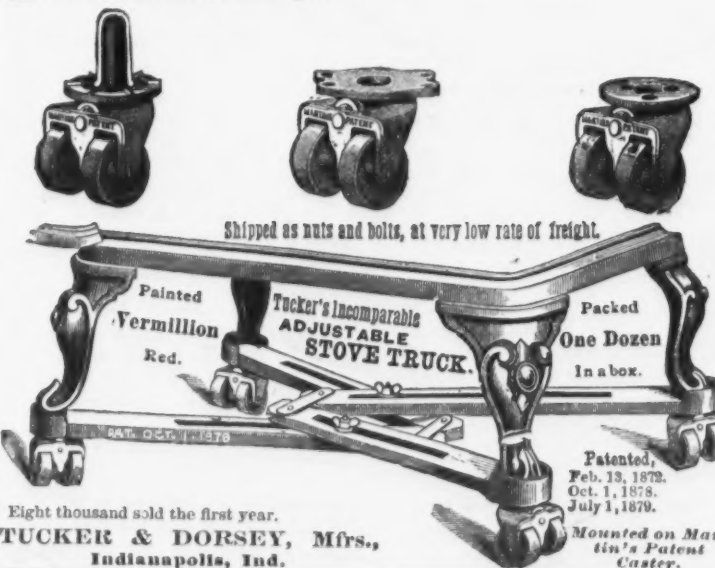
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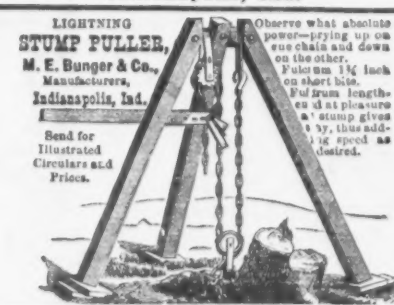
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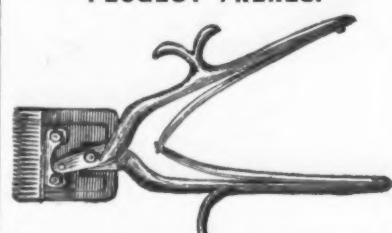
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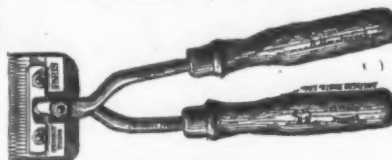


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The production of rails of all kinds in the United States in 1879 was the largest in the history of the country, amounting to 1,113,273 net tons, or 993,993 gross tons. The largest production previous to 1879 was in 1872, when 1,000,000 net tons, or 892,858 gross tons, were made.

The rail product of 1879 was composed of 683,964 net tons of Bessemer steel rails, 420,160 tons of iron rails, and 919 tons of open-hearth rails. The total production in 1879 was 230,588 tons greater than in 1878. That of Bessemer steel rails was 133,566 tons greater, and that of iron rails was 97,270 tons greater; but there was a decrease in 1879 of 243 tons in the production of open-hearth steel rails as compared with 1878.

The production of street rails in 1879 is included in the aggregate production for the year, and amounted to 8646 tons, of which 5813 tons were Bessemer and open-hearth steel rails, and the remainder were iron rails. The production of street rails in the six preceding years was as follows: 1873, 9130 net tons; 1874, 6739 tons, of which 1000 tons were Bessemer steel; 1875, 16,340 tons, of which 2308 tons were Bessemer steel; 1876, 13,086 tons, of which 3563 tons were Bessemer steel; 1877, 7015 tons, of which 1269 tons were Bessemer steel; 1878, 9229 tons, of which 1710 tons were Bessemer and open-hearth steel.

The production of iron and steel rails in this country since the beginning of the manufacture of Bessemer steel rails has been as follows, in net tons:

Years.	Open-hearth steel rails.	Iron rails, all kinds.	Bessemer steel rails.	Total.
1867.....	459,538	2,550	462,108	462,108
1868.....	499,489	7,225	506,714	506,714
1869.....	581,936	9,650	591,586	591,586
1870.....	586,000	34,000	620,000	620,000
1871.....	737,483	38,250	775,733	775,733
1872.....	905,939	94,070	1,000,000	1,000,000
1873.....	761,662	129,015	890,677	890,677
1874.....	584,469	144,944	729,413	729,413
1875.....	501,649	200,803	702,452	702,452
1876.....	467,168	413,461	880,629	880,629
1877.....	338,540	431,169	769,709	769,709
1878.....	9,397	322,890	550,398	882,685
1879.....	9,149	420,160	683,964	1,113,273

Included in the column of iron rails are a few tons of crucible steel rails and steel-headed rails, which it has not been thought necessary to separately classify. No crucible rails have been made since 1874, and but a few tons in that or in any preceding year. The production of both the classes of rails mentioned was as follows in 1873 and 1874: 1873, 26,377 net tons; 1874, 17,181 tons. The production of steel-headed rails in the last five years has been as follows: 1875, 19,436 tons; 1876, 12,791 tons; 1877, 5844 tons; 1878, 2258 tons; 1879, 931 tons. The Elmira Iron and Steel Rolling Mill Company, at Elmira, N. Y., made all the steel-headed rails that were made in 1879, using "silicon tops."

The production of rails of all kinds in the United States from 1849 to 1879 has been as follows, in net tons:

Years.	Net tons.	Years.	Net tons.
1849.....	24,318	1865.....	356,292
1850.....	44,083	1866.....	430,778
1851.....	50,503	1867.....	462,108
1852.....	62,478	1868.....	506,714
1853.....	87,806	1869.....	591,586
1854.....	108,018	1870.....	620,000
1855.....	128,074	1871.....	775,733
1856.....	180,018	1872.....	1,000,000
1857.....	161,918	1873.....	890,677
1858.....	163,714	1874.....	729,413
1859.....	195,454	1875.....	702,452
1860.....	205,338	1876.....	880,629
1861.....	189,818	1877.....	769,709
1862.....	213,012	1878.....	882,685
1863.....	275,668	1879.....	1,113,273
1864.....	315,359		

The following table shows the production in net tons of rails of all kinds in the United States from 1876 to 1879 by States:

States.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.
Pennsylvania.....	353,925	347,968	406,266	498,316
Illinois.....	181,490	120,762	196,338	265,300
Ohio.....	100,769	84,270	87,520	109,366
New York.....	57,306	34,094	54,171	76,634
Wisconsin.....	21,285	21,430	28,920	30,859
Indiana.....	29,183	34,876	28,650	30,879
Kentucky.....	1,524	12,100	13,000	25,414
Tennessee.....	2,394	13,373	9,479	15,185
Georgia.....	9,000	10,071	8,345	11,259
Kansas.....	14,707	16,018	12,685	10,208
Wyoming Ter.....	13,210	10,007	10,425	9,656
Massachusetts.....	9,001	9,640	7,993	7,745
California.....	8,602	5,750	6,779	4,948
Vermont.....	9,181	3,899	2,200	4,074
West Virginia.....	538	1,756	1,230	3,277
Colorado.....	.....	.....	1,600	2,500
Maryland.....	18,846	8,311	3,000	2,391
Maine.....	7,500	2,526	3,022	321
Missouri.....	20,973	31,289	362	.....
New Jersey.....	243	380	8	.....
Michigan.....	1,600	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	879,659	764,709	882,685	1,113,273

It will be seen that 17 States and one Territory made rails in 1879. Pennsylvania's production of 498,316 net tons in 1879 was the largest in her history. In 1875 her percentage of the total production of the year was 32.19; in 1876 it was 40.24; in 1877 it was 45.50; in 1878 it was 46; in 1879 it was 44.76. The production of 265,300 net tons in 1879 by Illinois was not only the largest in her history, but also the largest ever reached by any other State except Pennsylvania. It was 23.83 per cent. of the total production of the country. The other States which made more than 1 per cent. of the total production of rails in 1879 were as follows: Ohio, 9.82; New York, 7.06; Wisconsin and Indiana, each 2.77; Kentucky, 2.28; Tennessee, 1.36; Georgia, 1.01.

In 1849 the entire production of rails in the United States was 24,318 net tons. In 1879 the far Western States of Kansas, Colorado, and California and the Territory of Wyoming exceeded this product by 4982 tons. Their production was as follows: Kansas, 10,208 tons; Colorado, 2,500 tons; California, 4,948 tons; Wyoming, 9,656 tons. In 1879 Illinois alone made more rails than the whole country made in any year prior to 1863.

CONSUMPTION OF IRON AND STEEL RAILS.

The following table will show approximately the consumption of rails in this country from 1867 to 1879, in net tons:

Calendar Years.	Made in United States.	Imported.	Approximate Consumption.
1867.....	462,108	161,049	625,157
1868.....	506,714	200,081	706,795
1869.....	591,586	313,163	904,749
1870.....	620,000	399,153	1,019,153
1871.....	775,733	515,000	1,290,733
1872.....	1,000,000	50,701	1,050,701
1873.....	890,677	149,786	1,040,463
1874.....	729,413	99,201	828,614
1875.....	702,452	7,706	710,158
1876.....	769,709	1,042	770,751
1877.....	764,709	16,316	781,025
1878.....	882,685	289	882,974
1879.....	1,113,273	13,000	1,126,273

We may here remark that we regard the claim that 1,500,000 gross tons of rails will be required by the new and old railroads of the country in 1880, and that American works cannot meet this requirement, as unwarranted by past experience and existing probabilities. It is true that in 1872 we required about 1,366,830 gross tons (1,530,850 net tons), but since the close of that year we have laid over 2,000,000 gross tons of steel rails, the superior wearing qualities of which must be considered in estimating the probable quantity of rails to be required this year for renewals of existing tracks, while the mileage of new roads to be finished in 1880 is not likely to greatly exceed the average of the three years, 1870, 1871 and 1872, which was 6466 miles. Hence it is not probable that we will require as many rails in 1880 as in 1872, and those that are required can all be made by American works. We produced in 1879 the astonishingly large quantity of 993,993 gross tons of rails, with a number of rail mills standing idle which have since been put in operation. With the additional facilities for production that have since been completed or undertaken, the country's capacity for the production of rails will this year be equal to all demands, but these demands will fall short of 1,500,000 gross tons.

PRICES OF IRON AND STEEL RAILS IN 1879 AND 1880.

The average yearly prices at which iron rails have been sold in this country during the past nine years are given below, the quotations being for best iron rails at Philadelphia per gross ton:

Year.	Price.	Year.	Price.
1871.....	\$70.37 1/2	1876.....	\$41.25
1872.....	85.12 1/2	1877.....	35.25
1873.....	76.66 2/3	1878.....	31.75
1874.....	58.75	1879.....	41.25
1875.....	47.75		

The lowest quoted price at which iron rails have ever been sold in this country was \$31.50 a ton in October, 1877. From that time until April, 1879, there was a steady advance to \$35.50, and from April until the close of the year there was a rapid advance to \$54. In January of this year there was a sudden jump to \$65, and in February sales were made at \$65. Since February the price has fallen to \$50 at the middle of May.

The average yearly prices at which Bessemer steel rails have been sold in this country since 1863 are as follows, per gross ton, the figures given being the prices at the works in Pennsylvania.

Year.	Price.	Year.	Price.
1868.....	\$158.50	1874.....	\$94.25
1869.....	139.25	1875.....	68.75
1870.....	106.75	1876.....	59.25
1871.....	102.50	1877.....	45.50
1872.....	112.00	1878.....	43.25
1873.....	120.50	1879.....	48.25

The lowest quoted price at which Bessemer steel rails have ever been sold in this country was \$40 a ton in November and December, 1877. From this price there was a gradual advance to \$43.50 in May, 1878, but this price was not maintained throughout the year, sales being made in December at \$41. But from this time forward the price steadily advanced until September, 1879, when it touched \$50. From September, 1879, to February, 1880, there was a rapid advance to \$85, from which price there has since been an equally rapid decline to \$65 at the middle of May.

PRODUCTION OF BARS, ANGLES, PLATES, SHEETS, AND OTHER ROLLED IRON IN 1879.

By the term rolled iron we include (1) cut nails and spikes; (2) bar, angle, bolt, rod, skelp, and hoop iron; (3) plate and sheet iron; and (4) all sizes of iron rails. Bessemer steel rails are not classed among rolled iron products.

The production of all kinds of rolled iron in the United States in 1878, including iron rails, was 1,555,576 net tons, which was an increase of 78,817 tons over the production of 1877, but in 1879 the production reached the extraordinary quantity of 2,047,484 tons, which was more than 31 per cent. greater than that of 1878. This increase embraced all forms of rolled iron, the increase in the production of bar, angle, bolt, rod, skelp, and hoop iron being 276,168 tons; in plates and sheets, not including nail plate, 87,726 tons; in nail plate, 30,744 tons; in iron rails, 97,270 tons; total increase, 491,908 tons.

The following table gives the production of all kinds of rolled iron from 1864 to 1879, in net tons:

Years.	Iron Rails.	Other Rolled Iron.	Total.
1864.....	335,369	516,938	852,307
1865.....	356,292	500,048	856,340
1866.....	430,778	595,311	1,026,089
1867.....	459,518	579,516	1,039,034
1868.....	499,489	598,252	1,097,741
1869.....	581,936	642,420	1,224,356
1870.....	586,000	705,000	1,291,000
1871.....	737,483	710,000	1,447,483
1872.....	905,939	941,993	1,847,932
1873.....	761,662	1,076,368	1,838,030
1874.....	584,469	1,110,747	1,695,216
1875.....	501,649	1,027,667	1,529,316
1876.....	467,168	1,044,101	1,511,269
1877.....	338,540	1,444,219	1,476,759
1878.....	322,890	1,824,680	1,555,570
1879.....	420,160	1,627,324	2,047,484

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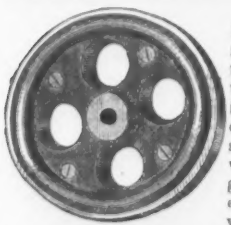
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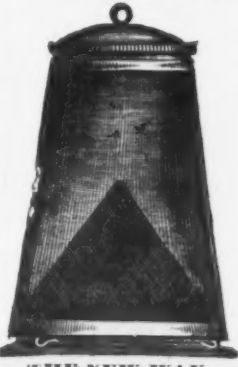


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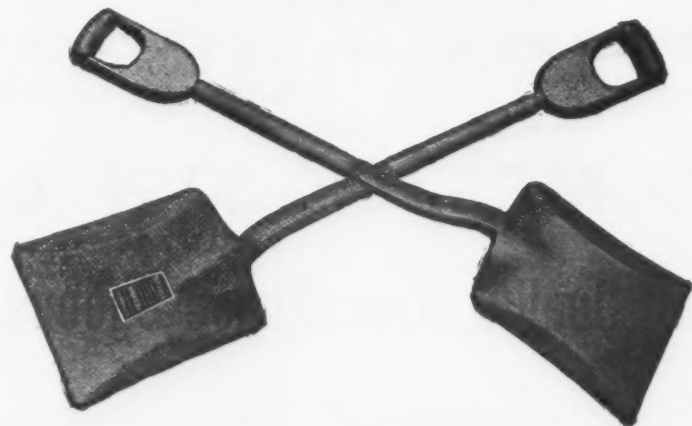
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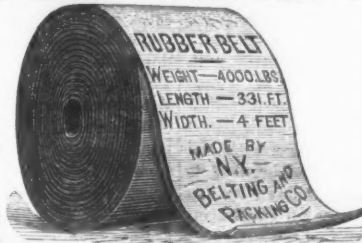
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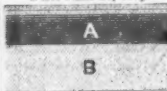
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The production of plate and sheet iron, not including nail plate, was during the period from 1876 to 1879 as follows, by States:

States.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.
New Hampshire.....	400	100	50	.....
Massachusetts.....	11,326	13,105	11,803	20,710
New York.....	3,498	1,522	500	.....
New Jersey.....	2,743	900	600	1,600
Pennsylvania.....	100,576	112,034	120,908	178,477
Delaware.....	6,430	6,999	5,770	9,466
Maryland.....	9,179	10,317	7,895	13,335
District of Columbia.....	.....	.....	4	24
West Virginia.....	1,947	8,800	4,000	5,300
Kentucky.....	7,723	8,925	6,300	8,480
Indiana.....	15,345	19,190	18,915	24,280
Ohio.....	2,500	2,050	1,800	1,325
Michigan.....	1,825	1,650	1,400	3,750
Missouri.....	1,752	2,650	2,346	2,671
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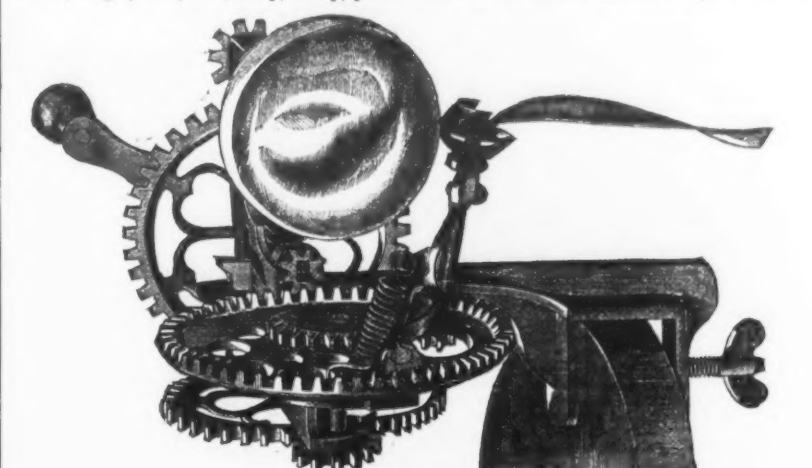
The production of cut nails and spikes from 1876 to 1879 was, for each State, in kegs, as follows:

States.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.
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Rhode Island.....	9,066
New York.....	71,561	76,147	46,470	10,100
New Jersey.....	342,391	303,859	254,451	294,182
Pennsylvania.....	1,368,163	1,591,004	1,349,714	1,386,995
Virginia.....	119,426	118,091	127,070	139,076
Georgia.....	15,000	24,000	.....	.....
West Virginia.....	908,934	989,414	890,140	1,081,897
Kentucky.....	99,161	135,000	80,000	161,800
Tennessee.....	6,600	49,047	64,191	104,039
Ohio.....	571,439	591,336	610,245	791,219
Indiana.....	194,206	272,748	277,800	294,625
Michigan.....	200	127,618	213,224	391,837
Nebraska.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000
Total.....	4,157,814	4,828,918	4,396,130	5,011,001

The production of cut nails and cut spikes in 1879 was 614,891 kegs greater than in 1878, but only 182,103 kegs greater than in 1877. In the last-named year, however, there was an overproduction which rendered necessary the reduced output of 1878. That there was again an overproduction in 1879 seems probable from the fact that most of the nail works of the country suspended operations during six weeks in the early part of 1880. The production in 1879 was the highest ever attained.

Rotary Knife, Peach and Apple Parer.

We show in the accompanying illustration a mechanical novelty, which has much to commend it to favorable consideration. Its feature of chief interest is the rotary knife, which, revolving very rapidly, detaches the skin of the fruit more easily, and with none of the tearing experienced when the skin of ripe fruit is removed by rotating against a stationary knife. The paring removed by the rotary cutter is very thin and very clear. The knife is held against the fruit, accommodating itself to any irregularities of the surface, and the fork is so made as to inclose and hold a peach stone.



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The Russian commission appointed to revise the customs duties of that country have finished their labors. The changes in the duties on metal goods are important, especially to England. Many privileges have hitherto been granted to home manufacturers importing foreign in default of sufficient native material. Premiums and exemptions from duty for certain quantities of foreign metal necessary in their manufactures have resulted in various abuses, and these privileges are abolished, with the exception of premiums accorded to native manufacturers in one or two cases. Notwithstanding the duty of 5 kopeks on foreign pig iron, it appears that, owing to the privileges referred to, there were no less than 5,450,350 pounds imported free of duty out of a total import of 6,305,697 pounds in the year 1878. It has been proposed by the

commission to place a duty of 1 rouble 25 kopeks per pood upon agricultural machinery imported, which must naturally make a great difference to importers of this class of machinery. The duty of 5 kopeks per pood on pig iron is to be raised to 10 and 15 kopeks, and nearly all imported iron goods are to pay a corresponding increase of duty. Steel, however, is to have a decrease from 80 to 20 kopeks per pood.

The Beaver Falls Tariff Demonstration.

Certain newspapers, published chiefly in the interest of the New York importing trade, affect to be very much amused by the coming tariff demonstration at Beaver Falls, Pa. The idea of fifty thousand workmen from all that part of the country, gathering with music and banners to listen to speeches and pass resolutions congratulating the country on having escaped the tariff revision so many times seriously menaced during this session of Congress, seems to the conductors of these newspapers a thing too funny to be seriously spoken of. They appear to think it very absurd that any one should be glad that the tariff has not been "reformed" in the log-rolling, blundering fashion in which those who have essayed the task have proposed to do it; and when such expressions of satisfaction come from the workmen in a demonstration which is in part paid for by the contributions of manufacturers, they have no trouble in discovering that it is all a gigantic joke on the public, inasmuch as the workmen assemble at their employers' expense to hurrah for protection and chant its praises, while the unseen hand of the rich monopolists and pampered beneficiaries of protection beats time behind the scenes.

But whether this demonstration is so very amusing as to compel laughter whenever it is mentioned, depends somewhat upon how it is looked at. We venture to say that, to the army of workmen who take part in it, it means something more, and something nearer to their hearts, than the grandest political demonstration this country has witnessed since the tolling of the old bell in Philadelphia summoned the people of that city to hear that the Declaration of Independence had been signed. To these thousands of men fresh from the anvil, the bench and mine, it means a new declaration of the demand of the people of the United States for industrial independence—for entire, complete and perpetual emancipation from the dominion of British capital. It is no joke to them, and if the gentlemen who write so flippantly about the demonstration could attend it and observe with unprejudiced eyes what may there be seen, they would perhaps realize that protection is a very different thing in Western Pennsylvania from what it appears to be among the shipping offices and importers' warehouses of New York.

There is something about this Beaver Falls demonstration which must impress every thoughtful person. Workmen in this country do not gather by thousands to throw up their hats and cheer at anybody's dictation. That some part of the expense of this workmen's demonstration is borne by manufacturers, detracts in no respect from its genuineness or significance. They too have a deep and lasting interest in whatever promotes the stability of American industry, and in expressing their faith in protection as a principle, they are in hearty sympathy with the wage-earning classes. But the Beaver Falls demonstration is a workmen's gathering and should be considered as such, as it has been organized and carried out by the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Plate Workers. If, then, it is what we have stated, the jeers and laughter of the newspaper writers of whom we have spoken are as pointless and purposeless as the "crackle of thorns under a pot."

To the workmen of this country protection means employment, fair wages and better conditions generally than they could hope to know without it. To borrow a favorite and familiar illustration, it is to them what the dikes that guard their coast are to the people of Holland. On the one side is the sea, beating and lashing its sterile sands—on the other blooming fields, fertile gardens, and happy and prosperous communities. Break down the dikes and the sea would sweep over these fields and gardens and drive the people to the hills. To say that the people who drained and reclaimed Holland and built these dikes made a mistake; that they should have settled on the higher lands which did not need draining, and left the waves to creep and swirl where they would in obedience to nature's laws, would be a good free-trade argument, but it would count for nothing with the people of Holland. By courage and enterprise their ancestors reclaimed a rich territory which would otherwise have been a waste. They made the earth yield a varied abundance where nature intended that only the coarse grass of salt marshes should grow; they made a large territory habitable which, if left to nature, would have been uninhabitable; they made a place for a nation where nature had made none. The labor and sacrifice which this work entailed are over; its good results will remain so long as the dikes stand and the wind blows to furnish power to empty the drainage canals. So it is with protection. Without stand the nations of Europe, eager to fill our markets with the products of cheaper labor than ours. Within we find a vast system of diversified

industries, a prosperous people and a goodly land. Free trade says that interference with the natural laws of trade is all wrong; that the chief end of men and of nations is to depend upon the cheapest sources of production; that an industry which cannot live without protection has no excuse for being and should be crushed; and that if protection is only abolished there will be no more monopoly. This counts for as little with those whose labor is employed or whose capital is invested in productive or distributive industry, as a similar argument, based on "natural laws," would have with the people of Holland. Your workman in this country is not a student of political economy; he has not read the great English authorities on this subject, and does not feel any interest in the proceedings and publications of the Cobden Club. His answer will be based on his experience. He knows that with protection he is better off than he would be without it, or than workmen are in countries where they do not have it. He knows that with protection his labor is worth more, that he lives in a better house, eats better and more abundant food, dresses himself and his family better, has more comforts and enjoyments than would otherwise be possible. He realizes this more forcibly when, because of temporary conditions existing here, the pressure of merchandise from without overrides protection, floods the country, and keeps him idle for months, it may be, until the market can be cleared of surplus foreign stocks, and opportunity to resume domestic production is offered. If this can happen with a protection which English writers characterize as a Chinese wall, what would happen without it?

Suppose the American workman was deprived of the protection he now enjoys, what would be the consequence to him? No one could assert, with any intelligent knowledge of the facts of the case, that the industries of the country would not suffer sharp contraction. Thousands of workmen would be thrown out of their accustomed employments, for which they are fitted by training and habit. Their only recourse would be agriculture, for which they are not fitted, and of which they know nothing. But were it possible for them to at once acquire land and engage successfully in its cultivation, the effort of this sudden diversion of labor to agriculture would inevitably be to swell our surplus food products beyond the requirements of our own and foreign markets. Such a diversion of labor from the mechanical trades to agriculture is possible in a gradual and small way—it is not possible in the sweeping way proposed by advanced free traders, much less is it desirable. The people of Holland could leave their pleasant and fertile low lands and settle somewhere else, but they do not want to, nor is it desirable for any reason that they should. The skilled mechanics working in mill and factory under protection could, perhaps, work their way West and settle on government land somewhere, but they will not do so voluntarily, nor would the change benefit them or the country at large. What sacrifices protection entailed on the American people at the outset have long ago passed; what it cost at that time has been repaid a hundredfold. All things considered, our own is at once the cheapest market to buy in and the best to sell in. If it costs the American workman more to live than it costs the British workman, he has more to live on and he lives better. None know this so well as those who have come here from free-trade countries, and none are more thoroughly and enthusiastically committed to the support of protection. In view of all these facts, we think the Beaver Falls demonstration had better be passed in silence by those who do not approve its object nor understand its significance.

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	—Export—		—Import—	
	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.
Argentina Republic.....	2.10	1.63	3.89	4.59
Brazil.....	8.38	8.72	46.59	40.72
Central America.....	1.33	1.17	2.99	3.11
Chile.....	1.02	1.37	0.63	0.60
Danish West Indies.....	0.77	0.79	0.35	0.48
French West Indies.....	1.05	1.55	2.24	2.96
French Guiana.....	0.01	.....	0.01	.....
Miquelon.....	0.28	0.31	.....	.....
Nova Scotia, N. Brunswick and P. E. Islands.....	2.81	5.48	3.84	3.56
Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and N. W. Ter.....	20.67	23.37	23.25	20.65
British Columbia.....	1.97	1.38	0.97	0.89
Newfoundland and Labrador.....	1.27	1.10	0.30	0.39
British West Indies.....	6.32	7.91	3.90	4.84
British Guiana.....	1.66	1.93	0.82	0.75
British Honduras.....	0.29	.....	0.27	.....
Hayti.....	3.10	3.49	3.26	2.99
Mexico.....	5.67	5.36	6.09	5.80
Dutch West Indies.....	0.57	0.68	0.84	0.67
Dutch Guiana.....	0.21	.....	0.23	.....
Peru.....	1.17	1.29	0.77	0.31
St. Domingo.....	0.74	0.65	0.46	0.40
Cuba.....	11.43	11.48	57.74	60.44
Porto Rico.....	1.97	1.64	4.15	4.68
Colombia.....	3.26	4.76	6.91	5.96
Uruguay.....	0.84	1.87	2.13	2.17
Venezuela.....	2.13	2.38	5.31	6.23
Totals.....	83.64	89.61	177.44	174.09

With the exception of a few slight changes, the entire movement, both export and import, has been, it will be seen, remarkably steady, and it proves how firmly seated these relations are on both sides.

The trade we transact with some of the above countries is, however, not so large as it should be: they should take larger

amounts of our goods, more in proportion to the quantities of produce we buy of them in a steadily increasing ratio. This we say with special reference to Brazil, and the cause may be easily explained. In part it is due to certain high duties levied there, and recently even raised still further, and is partly attributable to prejudice not easily overcome, the less so as our European rivals no doubt do all in their power to keep it alive. The consumer in Spanish America and Brazil, especially among the more humble classes of the community, is slow in adopting the use of goods he has not been accustomed to; he is averse to change. In considering further, we must also take into account the completeness of the European trade machinery there, represented by many old firms, powerfully backed in Europe and able to grant long credits; the multiplicity of European steamship lines taking freight very low, and the prestige which French goods, for example, enjoy in the chief centers of distribution—at Rio, in Para, Pernambuco and Bahia. In face of these difficulties, it is not surprising that the progress we have made in selling hardware, cotton goods and other manufactures has been slow; and this in spite of vigorous and persistent efforts. Yet we all feel so firmly convinced of the necessity of an expanding outlet for our surplus manufactures, and of the ultimate success which is to crown our strenuous endeavors, that not one of our merchants and manufacturers dealing with Brazil feels, we are sure, in the least discouraged, unless he exports or produces goods which a prohibitive tariff practically excludes from the Brazilian market—and in this the European manufacturer has no advantage over him. Certainly European competition neither frightens nor deters any of our shippers; hence persistent efforts must in the long run increase our Brazilian, as well as our Spanish-American trade.

The country nearest us toward the South is Mexico, and there, better than anywhere else in America, we ought to sell at least as many goods as in Brazil, the population being little less than that of the latter. Unfortunately, the purchasing capacity of the Mexican people is not nearly so large as that of the people of Brazil. The duties on many of our goods are very high in Mexico, and, adding to this high tax which they encounter the moment they are landed, the expensive inland transportation, mostly on mules' backs through desert salt plains and over rugged mountain passes, it will be found that the cost of the goods by the time they come to be sold, presupposes purchasers whose purses are well filled with Mexican dollars.

We shall mention a few goods and their cost a year since at New York and in the city of Mexico: A keg of nails, costing \$2.25 here, would cost \$14 in the city of Mexico; a barrel of flour, costing here \$6, cost \$29 there. Clothing pays a duty of 132 per cent.; the square yard of woolen cloth pays 18 to 60 cents, and muslin 11 cents. The duty per pound is 4 cents on flour, 11 cents on cheese, 10 cents on butter, 10 cents on hams, 60 cents on preserved fruit, 20 cents on preserved meat and fish, and 5 cents on nails. A common wagon pays \$66, and a carriage \$150 duty. These are the federal duties, to which must be added 25 per cent. ad valorem local dues collected by the States.

The export duty on silver is 13½ per cent., but as the exchange on London is 10 to 15 per cent. against Mexico, this is about equalized by compensation. Mexico now owes \$78,417,565 abroad and \$38,776,163 at home; together, \$117,193,728; and not a cent of interest has been paid on this debt for years past.

The comparative purchasing power of Brazil, the various Spanish-American countries, Hayti and Jamaica, is best exhibited on showing the population, the amount of exports between the precious metals and merchandise, and the amount thus sent abroad per capita of the population. We have drawn up a little table to show this, in accordance with the latest returns we have at hand:

	Population.	Export.	Per capita.
Mexico.....	9,389,461	\$28,772,104	\$3.07
Central America.....	2,509,920	16,500,000	6.60
Cuba.....	1,394,316	90,000,000	66.61
Porto Rico.....	661,494	8,500,000	13.00
Hayti.....	550,000	8,591,000	15.50
St. Domingo.....	350,000	600,000	3.30
Jamaica.....	356,154	6,200,000	17.06
Colombia.....	2,950,017	9,984,000	3.37
Venezuela.....	1,784,197	17,300,000	9.70
Peru.....	2,690,945	35,000,000	13.00
Chile.....	2,138,724	37,771,000	18.00
Argentine Republic.....	2,400,000	45,000,000	19.00
Uruguay.....	440,000	16,000,000	36.40
Brazil.....	10,108,191	107,310,000	10.60
Totals.....	37,786,699	\$427,618,194	\$11.38

It will be seen that Cuba stands at the head of the list, Uruguay next, and that Mexico stands between St. Domingo, the lowest, and Colombia. Cuba is, however, not likely to remain at the top should the present insurrection attract the negro slaves, represented as gradually abandoning the sugar estates since the promised emancipation has been spread over some eight years, which many of these negroes prefer to shorten by retiring to the woods and joining the rebel forces. Productive capacity, moderate import and export duties on an average, or, if possible, no export duties; peace, internal and external, and railroads, combined with river navigation by steam where feasible, are the elements which will enrich the people of Spanish America and Brazil in the long run, and in our relations with them we must never lose sight of these elements. A large immigration, like the one the Argentine Republic is attracting, is

another potent element of wealth. We trust that our manufacturers of machinery and agricultural implements will not neglect to attend the Argentine exhibition to come off next fall, as there is no country so well deserving our solicitude as an outlet for manufactures, &c., as that magnificent cattle, wool and wheat-producing Republic situated in the temperate zone, to which we send thus far only about half as much as we are importing from there.

The Iron "Boom" and the Government.

Now that the short-lived "boom" in the iron trade has become a thing of the past, and we are left to grapple with the problem of pulling through a period of depression, we may pause to inquire who besides our friends across the Atlantic have been benefited. We find, naturally, that the government has every reason to be well content with the course which matters have taken, and that when accounts are balanced a very handsome amount will have been added to its receipts. We are indebted to Mr. Joseph Nimmo, Jr., Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, for the following statement of the amounts of duty collected on a number of the leading articles classified under iron and steel, during the six months ended December 31st, 1879:

	Duty.
Pig iron.....	\$1,658,554.73
Bar iron.....	587,937.01
Band, hoop and scroll.....	47,942.76
Railroad or rails.....	246,144.12
Steel in ingots, bars, &c.....	201,165.24
Railway bars or rails (steel).....	555,386.18
Do. (part of steel).....	578.10

The articles in the list have returned to the government almost \$3,300,000. It does not, however, include the important items of scrap and old iron, of which we imported during the last six months of the year, 213,384 tons, which being almost exclusively wrought scrap, would yield, at \$8 per ton, as much as \$1,600,000. Taking a number of other articles imported into this country in minor quantities, it will not be too much to say that the total foots up to \$5,000,000. Looking over the statistical returns for the first three months of the present year, ending March 31st, we note the following: Pig iron imported, 179,491 tons, at \$7 per ton brought \$1,256,000; scrap, for 154,738 tons, \$1,200,000; bar iron, averaging 1 cent per pound on 87,182,200 pounds, \$870,000; band, hoop and scroll iron, at an average of 1½ cents per pound on 3,614,463 pounds, \$50,000; iron rails, on 16,230 tons at a duty of \$14 per ton, \$227,000; steel rails, on 13,457 tons at the rate of \$28 per ton, \$377,000; and steel ingots, bars, etc., valued at \$1,273,937, at approximately 40 per cent. ad valorem, \$510,000. Together, these items represent \$4,490,000, so that we are probably within the mark when we state that till the 1st of April the government derived a revenue of very nearly ten millions of dollars. We know that during April the shipments to this country were heavier than they had been before, and, together with May and June, the fiscal year will close with a very heavy balance in favor of the government, showing, in all likelihood, an increase of the duty collected on iron and steel over the preceding year of at least eleven millions of dollars.

The Prejudice and Conceit of English Workmen.

The Sheffield correspondent of the London Trade Journal repeats an old story as follows:

A curious fact has come to my knowledge in regard to the razor trade. Last spring a manufacturing firm removed from Sheffield to America. They took with them the various workmen necessary to make Sheffield razors in the States. A rumor, to which little credence was attached at the time, was to the effect that American water would not suit for hardening purposes. To provide against any possible failure on that account, tanks for the storing of Sheffield water were specially constructed, and the water was taken across the Atlantic, and used in the process of "hardening." The day came, however, when the water was exhausted, and recourse was had to the native element. Then it was found that the rumor was no fiction. The American water would not harden razor-blades, nor even give the polish necessary for the secondary sort. And now I hear the emigrants are returning to Sheffield, and all fear of one of our oldest staple trades being transferred to the States is at an end.

This is simply arrant nonsense. It is true that one lot of Sheffield cutlery who came to this country brought with them what was alleged to be Sheffield water, but the idea that it had any special virtue for tempering or grinding was merely a notion having its origin in ignorance and prejudice. A few years ago a large proportion of English blacksmiths in this country could not work anything but English steel. When they were given anything which they knew of suspected to be American steel they were sure to spoil it, and were vehement in their assurances that it could not be worked successfully. This lasted until employers found out that American steel could be worked as well as any other if it only had English marks on it, and when the blacksmiths found that they had to choose between working American steel or looking for another place, they quickly made the discovery that it was good material.

From such conceited, obstinate, cantankerous people as the company of Sheffield cutlery who brought Sheffield water for tempering and grinding, nothing else could be expected. Experience with them showed conclusively that the colonization system is a

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failure so far as these people are concerned. Nothing suited them, nothing was right, none of the promises made them were kept, nothing that could be done for them was satisfactory. They had the idea that they alone knew their trade and that their employers were dependent on them. This impression was strengthened by the amount of attention they received from newspaper reporters, and by the fact that for some time they were incautiously lionized in a most unaccustomed way. After the colony was broken up and the members of it had sought employment wherever they could find it, most of them did well enough and soon lost the offensive self-conceit which characterized them on their arrival. We doubt if manufacturers will again make the mistake of importing English workmen as organized companies, since the result in every case is likely to be a failure of the experiment and a scattering of the workmen in time to avoid the repayment of ocean fares and expenses. It is much better to let these super-skilled, ignorant English mechanics come here on their own account and seek employment like other men. It is better for them and better for those who employ them. They are mostly good workmen, but it is not judicious to encourage them in the belief that they know more than they do, or that they bring with them any art which is not as well known and as well practiced in this country.

Tariff Matters at Washington.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 2, 1880.

The importers of hoop iron having failed to secure a report favorable to their interests, and representative Tucker, who has the question of hoop iron under his control in the House, having been unsuccessful in his efforts to secure action on this subject in order to relieve the importers from the effects of the decision of April 17, 1880, which restored the duty on this class of iron from 35 per cent. ad valorem to the specific rate, several attempts have been made to bring the manufacturers of iron commercially known as "cotton ties" under the same ruling. For the purpose of enabling collectors and other officers of the customs service to act intelligently on this subject, and in accordance with the views of the department, the Secretary of the Treasury has issued the following order, which discriminates between cotton ties to be rated as manufactures of iron, and those that are classed under the head of cut hoops:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27, 1880.

To Collectors and other Officers of Customs: The question has been presented to this department whether, under the ruling contained in decision (synopsis 4496) of April 17, 1880, in regard to the duty on cut hoop iron, bands of hoop iron cut to lengths and punched with holes at one end, are, when accompanied by buckles to be used with the bands of hoop iron as cotton ties, to be classed as manufactures of iron not otherwise provided for, or as subject to duty at the specific rates imposed on hoop iron. Hoop iron intended for use as cotton ties appears to be fitted for such use in various ways.

One description of cotton tie has a permanent stud fastened in the end of the band, with corresponding holes in the other end. This article is considered by the department as being properly liable to the duty imposed on manufactures of iron.

Other bands of iron are imported for cotton ties which in no wise differ from similar merchandise imported as cut hoops, except in the fact that they are punched to a greater extent, and are sometimes painted. The buckles are not attached to them as imported, and the buckles form a separate branch of manufacture.

It is held that the bands of hoop iron before referred to, whether accompanied or unaccompanied by the buckles, are liable, under decision 4496, to the duty imposed on hoop iron.

H. F. FRENCH,
Assistant Secretary.

Representative Tucker says that he does not yet despair of securing some action on the resolution which he was authorized to report by the unanimous consent of the Committee on Ways and Means, providing for the admission of all hoop iron cut to lengths contracted for prior to March 12th, at 35 per cent. ad valorem. On Monday he made an effort to obtain the consent of the House to call this bill up for consideration, but it was objected to by Mr. Henderson, of Illinois. A large number of letters have been received from the iron centers throughout the country, urging representatives to antagonize this measure, even though it be disposed of the other feature embraced in the original bill, of making the ad valorem rate of 35 per cent. the fixed duty on this class of iron. There now being scarcely a quorum of the House present, owing to the absence of a large number of Republicans attending the Chicago convention, and the number of pairs which have been arranged, and pending their absence, it is not probable that a vote will be allowed on this question, as it would now be regarded as taking an unfair advantage.

Upon the return of the Republicans from Chicago, the desire to secure an early adjournment of Congress will frustrate any further attempts to consider this subject. By way of varying the monotony of the appropriation bills during the past week, the Senate has been entertained with a number of speeches on the bill known as the "Tariff Commission Bill," which is the regular order of that body. This measure seems to be gaining strength daily, and although the want of time may prevent any concurrent legislation on the subject at this session, the proposition has many friends, and it is thought, will be most likely adopted as the best method of disposing of the tariff question. The following is the text of the various measures which have been introduced in the Senate and reported from the Committee on Finance. They will explain themselves:

On Dec. 17, 1879, Senator Eaton, of Connecticut, introduced a bill which was re-

ferred to the Committee on Finance, and on April 13, 1880, was referred back by Mr. Bayard with amendments, the latter being in italics.

A Bill to provide for the appointment of a commission to investigate the question of the tariff.

Be it enacted, etc., That a commission is hereby created, to be called the "Tariff Commission," to consist of nine members.

Sec. 2. The President of the United States shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint nine commissioners from civil life, one of whom, the first named, shall be president of the commission. The commissioners shall receive as compensation for their services, each, at the rate of \$10 per day when engaged in active duty, and a reasonable sum for (actual) traveling and other necessary expenses. The commission shall have power to employ a stenographer, who shall also be the clerk of the commission and a messenger; (and the foregoing compensation and expenses to be audited and paid by the Secretary of the Treasury.)

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of said commission to take into consideration and thoroughly investigate all the various questions relating to the agricultural, commercial, (mercantile,) manufacturing, mining (and industrial) interests of the United States, so far as the same may be necessary to the establishment of a judicious tariff (or a revision of the existing tariff) upon a scale of justice to all interests; and for the purpose of fully examining the matters which may come before it, said commission, in the prosecution of its inquiries is empowered to visit such different portions and sections of the country as it may deem advisable.

Sec. 4. The commission, after full inquiry and investigation, shall report to Congress the results thereof (of their investigation, and the testimony taken in the course of the same, from time to time, and make their final report not later than the first Monday in December, 1881.)

On December 18, 1879, Senator Garland introduced the following bill, looking to the establishment of a commission to examine into the subject of the tariff, with a view of facilitating legislation in reference thereto:

Be it enacted, etc., That a commission is hereby authorized and constituted, to consist of three Senators to be appointed by the Senate, three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and three others, not members of either house, to be selected by and associated with them, with authority to determine the times and places of meetings, to employ a stenographer, and to take evidence, and whose duty it shall be to inquire: First, into the relative effects of the tariff under the existing law upon the different industries of the country; second, into the relative effects of the present tariff upon the consumer and producer; third, as to the relative merits of the specific and the ad valorem systems; fourth, what, if any, improper discriminations exist under the present laws; fifth, what, if any, changes are necessary to be made to insure a wholesome and judicious law on the subject, and to secure its proper enforcement, and especially if the law cannot be greatly simplified, and the list of dutiable articles diminished, and the law executed at much less expense than it is at present; sixth, look into and review the whole tariff system as now existing; and seventh, the said commissioners to report the results of their examination into the subject above referred to, with such suggestions and recommendations as to them may seem proper, to Congress, at the earliest day practicable.

To this was submitted the following amendment, intended to be proposed by Mr. Kirkwood to Mr. Garland's amendment to the bill (S. 900) to provide for the appointment of a commission to investigate the question of the tariff, viz: After the words "existing," in line 26, strike out the words "and seventh," and insert "Seventh. The system of charges and fees of all kinds required to be paid at the principal ports of entry in the United States for the lading, unloading, clearance, and pilotage of vessels engaged in foreign commerce; and, Eighth." Senator Blaine says that it is doubtful whether he will be able to be present at the grand picnic of the Amalgamated Iron and Steel Association, at Beaver, in Western Pennsylvania, on Saturday, June 5. He has been giving his personal attention to his efforts to secure the Presidential nomination at Chicago, and to facilitate communication with his friends there has a private wire in his library, where he now spends his entire time. Representative Garfield said before leaving for Chicago that he would stop at Beaver on his return from the convention. Representative Bayne, who is also one of the orators of the occasion, will leave here on Friday. Information received here says it will be one of the largest demonstrations of labor and capital, in the interests of their specific industries, that has ever been witnessed in the United States.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The J. L. Mott Iron Works, New York, send us their illustrated catalogue and price list for 1880. The catalogue is a large folio volume, handsomely printed on tinted paper and profusely illustrated with cut representations of pieces of statuary, fountains, vases and ornamental ironwork of every description. It is quite a work of art, and will amply repay examination.

Death of Thomas Wood.—Mr. Thomas Wood, of the firm of Alan Wood & Co., and the second son of its founder, died in Philadelphia on May 23d, in his fifty-third year. He was the senior partner of the firm of Alan Wood & Co., and was born in December, 1827, in Delaware. His education was received in Philadelphia, and he was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in the class of 1846. He subsequently entered the law office of the late Henry J. Williams as a student-at-law, and was admitted to practice at the bar in 1850. He was a very accurate scholar and possessed great ability as a financier. On him devolved the purchases and sales of the firm and the conducting of all financial transactions arising in the course of its extensive business.

The St. Louis Convention of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The sessions of the Twelfth Annual Convention of the American Society of Civil Engineers were opened in the Hall of the Washington University, at St. Louis, on the morning of May 25th. The attendance of members and guests was very large, even at the opening session, nearly 200 being present. The society has adopted the very generous policy of inviting the members of the leading engineers' societies of the country, and also the editors of prominent technical journals to attend their conventions and participate in the excursions connected therewith. Representatives were present of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, of the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania, of the Engineers' Club of St. Louis, of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, and of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Many of the members of the society are also members of one or more of these societies, which would make their representation far greater. Among those present were the following:

James P. Allen, Rock Island, Ill.; John B. Atchison, Earlinton, Ky.; E. R. Andrews, New York; Ed. Adams, Pittsburgh; Theodore Allen, St. Louis; Charles B. Brush, Hoboken, N. J.; John W. Bacon, Danbury, Conn.; Arthur Beardsley, Swarthmore, Pa.; Fred'k Brook, Boston; G. Bruscare, Cincinnati; H. S. Blunden, New York; John Bogart, New York; C. E. Billen, Philadelphia; Edwin Bauman, Chicago; H. Bissell, Salem, Mass.; Robert Briggs, Philadelphia; E. L. Brennerman, St. Louis; A. H. Blaisdell, St. Louis; James D. Burr, Topeka; Charles F. Bates, Chicago; William B. Cogswell, Syracuse, N. Y.; J. H. Cunningham, Milwaukee; Mr. Coryell, Lambertville, N. J.; J. A. Coulter, Pittsburgh; O. E. Cushing, Lowell, Mass.; Theodore Cooper, New York; J. J. R. Cross, New York; D. M. Currie, St. Louis; H. Constable, Philadelphia; R. Chauvenet, St. Louis; A. J. Chappe, St. Louis; M. Cowles, Chicago; Alexander Dempster, Pittsburgh; E. A. Downs, Meadville, Pa.; C. G. Jarrard, Philadelphia; M. M. Defrees, Indianapolis; James B. Eads, St. Louis; George D. Emerson, Rolla, Mo.; James B. Francis, Lowell, Mass.; C. G. Force, Cleveland; G. H. Frost, New York; Clark Fisher, Trenton, N. J.; H. Fleming, New York; Henry Flad, St. Louis; Bryant Godwin, New York; Frank Graff, Philadelphia; P. Goly, Paducah, Ky.; Carl Gayler, St. Louis; A. B. Hill, New Haven, Conn.; J. H. Harlow, Pittsburgh, Pa.; F. B. Howard, Detroit, Mich.; W. R. Hutton, Baltimore; B. M. Harrod, New Orleans; L. M. Johnson, St. Louis; W. W. Jeffries, Westchester, Pa.; J. Johann, St. Louis; Ralston R. Jones, Keokuk, Iowa; Louis H. Knapp, Buffalo; R. Klemm, St. Louis; E. D. Leavitt, Jr., Cambridgeport, Mass.; Wm. H. Lotz, Chicago; D. J. Lucas, Philadelphia; Thomas B. Lee, Newark, N. J.; E. C. Lewis, Nashville, Tenn.; T. D. Lovett, Cincinnati; Henry G. Morris, Philadelphia; M. Morrison, Bethlehem, Pa.; Charles MacDonald, New York; M. Meigs, Rock Island, Ill.; R. E. McMath, St. Louis; John McLeod, Louisville; C. S. Maurice, Athens, Pa.; Henry G. Morse, Youngstown, Ohio; James McNaughton, Albany, N. Y.; D. N. Melvin, Staten Island; L. E. Madera, Philadelphia; H. Murphy, Philadelphia; W. H. McClintock, Fair Grounds, Ky.; T. H. MacLind, St. Louis; J. H. Maxon, St. Louis; T. B. Moulton, St. Louis; Robert Moon, St. Louis; R. E. McMath, St. Louis; J. O. Osgood, Milton, Mass.; E. B. Noyes, Lowell, Mass.; F. O. Norton, New York; George B. Nicholson, Cincinnati; George C. Prussig, Chicago; Geo. H. Pond, St. Louis; W. B. Potter, St. Louis; George H. Pogram, St. Louis; Jas. R. Richards, Boston; P. Roberts, Jr., Philadelphia; W. M. Rees, Memphis; A. Rauschenbach, St. Louis; E. C. Rice, St. Louis; J. K. Rees, St. Louis; M. E. Schmidt, Memphis; S. Sheldon, Cleveland; C. L. Strobel, Pittsburgh; P. W. Schaeffer, St. Louis; C. Schaler Smith, St. Louis; Wm. P. Shinn, St. Louis; Chas. A. Smith, St. Louis; C. H. Sherman, St. Louis; Chas. Stevens, St. Louis; T. S. Smith, St. Louis; M. M. Tidd, Boston; C. Talcott, Newark, N. J.; John G. Van Homme, Jersey City; Wm. H. Wiley, Orange, N. J.; Frank O. Whitney, Boston; D. W. Willman, St. Louis; S. Whinery, Wheeler, Ala.; C. D. Ward, Jersey City; Carl Van Wagner, Pittsburgh; J. D. Weeks, Pittsburgh; Ashbel Welch, Lambertville, N. J.; W. E. Worthen, New York; C. M. Woodward, St. Louis; S. H. Yonge, St. Charles, Mo.; J. W. Werten, Chicago; Wm. Woodward, New York; M. Williamson, Philadelphia; D. J. Whittemore, Milwaukee; John Whitelaw, Cleveland.

The president of the society, Mr. Albert Fink, being absent, Mr. Jas. B. Francis, of Lowell, Mass., first vice-president, called the convention to order, and, in accordance with the rules of the society which provide for the election of presiding officers of the convention from the members not officers, Capt. J. B. Eads and Mr. Wm. P. Shinn were elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively.

In taking the chair, Capt. Eads acknowledged the honor in a graceful speech. Hon. Henry Overstolz, mayor of St. Louis, was introduced by the chairman and delivered an address of welcome to the convention.

The first paper read was one by Mr. Charles B. Brush, of New York city, on the HUDSON RIVER TUNNEL.

We have already published (in our issue of May 20) an illustrated article on this tunnel. Mr. Brush entered fully into the details of the construction, but as these are of only special interest to civil engineers, we will not repeat the paper.

This was followed by a paper on PERUVIAN TUNNELS,

by O. F. Nichols, who referred chiefly to the Chisboto Tunnel, on the Chibote and Huarez narrow-gauge railroad. The engineering difficulties to be surmounted in this work were chiefly those of access and trans-

portation over mountain roads and rocky canyons. In some instances men had to be let down to their work 200 feet by ropes from overhanging cliffs, while in others the barefoot natives were employed on smooth rock slopes of 40 degrees inclination, being held from falling by ropes about their waists.

This concluded the morning programme, and the convention adjourned to the Lindell for lunch.

Tuesday's Excursions.

The programme of the excursions for Tuesday included a visit to St. Charles, Mo., and the inspection of the bridge across the Missouri River at that point, and a steamboat ride down this river and the "Father of Waters" to St. Louis. The trip was a most delightful as well as interesting one. A run of an hour over the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad brought the party to the bridge. This bridge, at the time it was built, 12 years since, was a wonderful piece of engineering, and though its grandeur has been eclipsed by later structures, the boldness of the undertaking has not been lessened. The bridge proper is approached by a curved trestle some 2000 feet long. It is of the truss pattern, some 100 feet above low water. One span fell on November 8, 1879, as the result of the derailment of a train. This span has since been rebuilt, and, so far as possible, the late improvements in bridge building have been incorporated in the new span. The span which was finished April 1, 1880, is 312 feet in length, in 18 panels; depth, 31 feet 6 inches; width between truss centers, 18 feet. The floor of the bridge is the especial feature of interest, and consists of iron beams 30 inches deep and securely riveted to the posts, carrying six lines of iron stringers, and one central wooden stringer, to which the cross ties are spiked. The cross ties are white oak, 6 by 8 inches, and 14 feet long, and placed 12 inches between centers. On each side of the rail is an iron trough, 10 inches wide and 5 inches deep, and outside of this a guard timber 12 by 12 inches, securely bolted to every tier. The cast iron upper cord has been supplanted by one of wrought iron.

The party left the cars at St. Charles and took the steamer T. F. Eckert for the trip down the river.

Second Day's Proceedings.

The session of the society for Wednesday morning was occupied by the reading of two papers on cements, one by Mr. D. J. Whittemore, chief engineer of the C. U. and St. P. Railway, on the "Tensile Test of Cements and an Appliance for More Accurate Determinations," and one by Mr. F. O. Norton, of New York, on "American Cements."

Mr. Whittemore began with a statement regarding the form of samples used to list cements. Lipowitz, of Germany, in his work on Portland cement, advises the use of briquettes having a form and size of breaking section 3 x 6 centimeters. Manufacturers of hydraulic cements in this country employ a breaking area of 1 inch square.

Referring to the importance of knowing the actual linear measure of the breaking section, Mr. Whittemore gave the result of numerous experiments made by him, in the endeavor, by a comparison of results, to determine some more satisfactory and correct unit of measure than the expression of area, now so universally used. An explanation of Mr. Whittemore's apparatus was given, and the results of his experiments were referred to at length. It is known, he said, that in tensile tests particularly the apparent strength per square unit of ruptured area is greater in small than in large briquettes, and in making his experiments to determine the ratio of this apparent variation, he used cylindrical briquettes of two sizes, the larger one having a breaking section of two square inches and a form and clutch appliance, and the smaller a breaking area of one-half of one square inch, with a form and clutch devised and made by himself.

In making his tests he used four of the typical brands of American hydraulic cements, and one sample of English Portland. Tables giving the analysis of the cements were produced, showing that American hydraulic cements vary 20 per cent. in weight, rendering it almost impossible, therefore, to devise any expression referring to weight alone that will determine what quantity of water is required to produce mortars of a uniform degree of elasticity. He has also failed, as yet, to determine any exact relation from bulk measurement for this purpose. From the tests made, the results being shown by numerous tables, it was seen that the apparent strength per square inch of the smaller briquette is about double that of the larger, and that the diameter or periphery of the breaking section of the briquettes is about proportional to their ultimate strength. In view of the results obtained, he conceived it possible that the surface of the specimens had acquired a tenacity not extending throughout the entire mass, and that a surface hardening had taken place, through some process of crystallization, or by the absorption of carbonic acid, forming sub-carbonates. From the remarkable effects witnessed by him in the so-called carbonization process, he experimented to discover if the same effect could not be secured by ordinary water exposure. To determine whether water absorbed carbonic acid from the air and imparted it to the cement, he procured eight specimens of Portland and American cement, and placed four of them in distilled water, hermetically sealed in glass jars, and the others in the water of common use. The specimens in the sealed tubes soon became covered with a scale of hydrate of lime, which, upon exposure, was converted into a carbonate. No such result was noticed in the specimens unsealed in the undistilled water. After 40 days an analysis was made of all the specimens. None of the American cements had absorbed any carbonic acid at all, but the Portland had absorbed slightly. But it was found that the specimens placed in the distilled water and sealed jars were all stronger than any of the others, and the average tensile strength was 21 per cent. greater. The speaker did not think, from his experiments, that the American cements absorbed carbonic acid at all.

The remarkable effects obtained by the carbonization process, he thought, might be

attributed to the moderately high temperature necessary in the process.

Some interesting points were brought out in the discussion that followed. Mr. Ashbel Welch stated that American cement had been discovered by Mr. Camas White, who was sent over by the State of New York, when they were building the Erie Canal, to England to make provisions for the cement needed. He found there were two difficulties in using that cement. In the first place it was very dear; in the second place, after they had brought it here after being six weeks on the ocean, it was good for nothing. Judging that cement consisted of slate and limestone, he endeavored to find his way out of the difficulty. He discovered quarries at Chittenango, Western New York. He examined them and found cement could be manufactured therefrom, and that was the beginning of American cement. The State of New York gave him \$10,000 for this discovery.

The great diversity in the results of tests of cements was remarked upon, and also the difference in those tests arising from the shorter or longer periods of time covered by them.

Mr. F. O. Norton's paper on

AMERICAN CEMENTS

followed. The paper described the result of experiments begun in 1878, and was illustrated by plans exhibited on the platform. Mr. Norton had experimented with 524 test briquettes manufactured at Rosendale, Ulster County, New York.

The production of cement at the Rosendale Works was 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 barrels during the season, which lasted from eight to nine months, that being the period navigation on the Hudson River was practicable between Rondout and New York. The results of these experiments proved conclusively that a cement of high standard strength can be continuously produced from the quarries in Ulster County, New York. The results may be summed up thus: Cement consisting of one part cement to one part sand. Rosendale had a tensile strength of 257 pounds to the square inch, and cost 68 cents per barrel, while the same quality Portland resisted a pressure of 224 feet to the square inch, and cost \$1.22 per barrel.

One interesting result of the gentleman's researches was the establishment of the fact that, when a small amount of water is used in mixing the cement, it gives a greater tensile strength than when the dry mixture was used, but only for a period of three months. After that period the reverse is true. The record of cement tests running through a number of years was placed at the disposal of the convention.

Quite a discussion followed the reading of this paper.

Vice-President Francis related how cement is made in England. He had visited some of the works in London where the cement was made out of the material found on the spot. The works referred to were on the banks of the Thames at Northfleet, where rotons and more was turned out daily. The material used was chalk, which was found on a hill in the vicinity, and mud which was found in the river—dredged out. That was all the material that was used, except fuel. These were mixed in a proper proportion, arrived at by frequent tests, and the excellence of the cement depended upon its manipulation and watching of proportions. The first process was a rough mixture of the right quantity of clay and chalk, which was measured and thrown into a rough mill in which it was ground up very roughly. After that it was passed through stone like a grist mill, then allowed to settle, when it was cut up into lumps and burnt at a very high temperature. After the fuel was burnt out it was broken up and then ground finely between millstones like those used by millers.

Another member gave instances in which one kind of cement in ten minutes was stronger than others in 24 hours, but the quick-setting cement after a time deteriorated so as to become worthless, while the other grew stronger by age.

An inquiry was made as to experiments in transverse strains.

Mr. Morton said he had made no such tests. It was stated that the English cements gave far better tests in this respect than any American brand.

Mr. Chesbrough said he had found sometimes that an inferior rejected cement, mixed with a good reliable brand, would result in an excellent quality. In fact he had never seen better than some made in this way.

Mr. Whittemore said he had tested cements from a dozen different layers in the same bank, and there were no two layers which mixed would not give a better result than any single layer.

The evening session of Wednesday was devoted to the reading of a paper on the

PROGRESS OF ENGINEERING IN AMERICA.

by Mr. O. Chanute, chief engineer of the Erie road. As the rules or practice of the society forbid the copying of papers in full by journals, we are forced to present this able paper and review of progress only as an abstract.

Man at the end of the eighteenth century, the paper began, was ceasing to utilize natural power in its larger and coarser forms. From the introduction of the steam engine the engineer has become a most important agent, and his art is well defined by Telford as the director of those great natural forces that contribute to the prosperity and welfare of nations. Time had been when other countries were compelled to send to Holland for hydraulic engineers to reclaim marsh lands, but by the introduction of steam these primitive masters were soon exceeded in their science. In 1778 James Watt, after 20 years' struggle with a difficult problem, succeeded in originating the steam engine. It was a triumph which set men thinking, and the application of steam ensued in all its various branches. In 100 years more was accomplished for science and mechanism than during the ten previous centuries.

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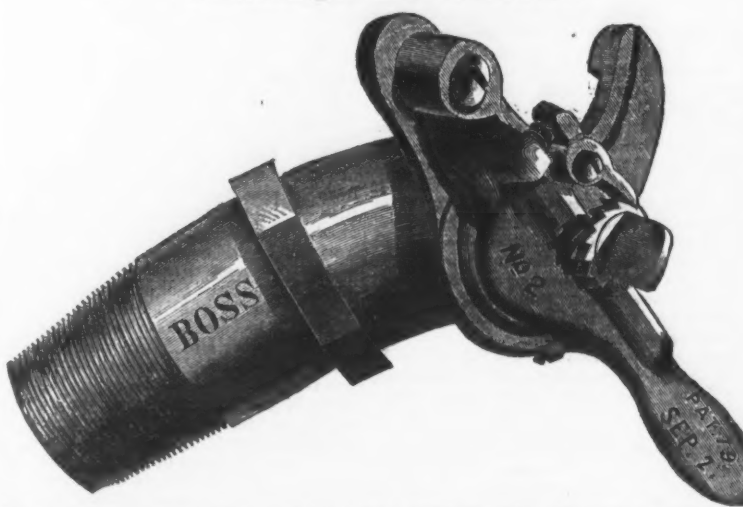
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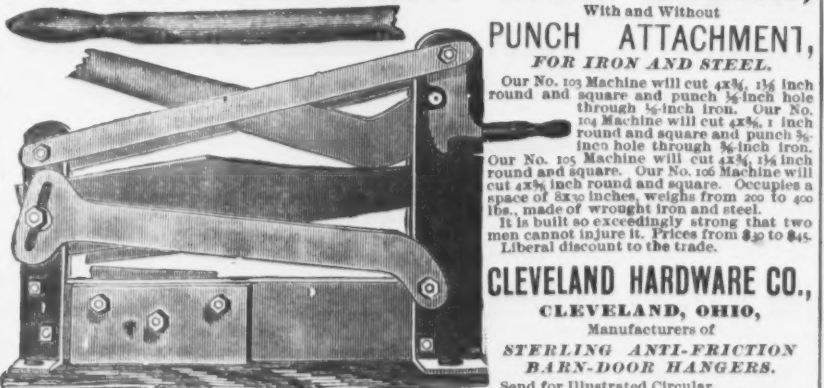
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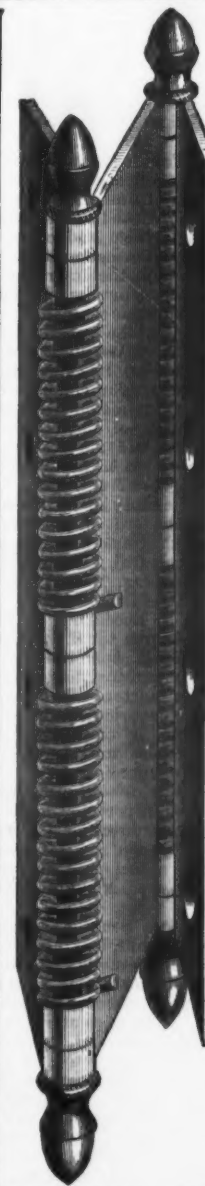
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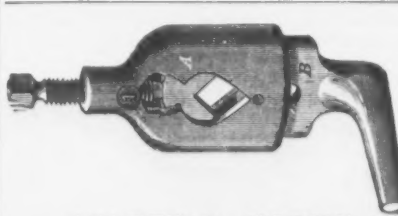
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the water being conveyed to a wooden reservoir through hemlock logs. The idea was followed at Morrisstown.

The subject of application of steam to water works, as first made on the Schuylkill River, at Philadelphia, was then treated; also the improvements made in pumping machines, engineers having made a gain in this respect of 50 cent. over what was accomplished 20 years ago. Mr. Chesbrough, in laying his tunnel two miles under Lake Michigan for supplying Chicago with water, had accomplished a great engineering triumph. At present 569 towns in the United States and Canada were supplied with water reservoirs, with an average daily capacity of 12,000,000 gallons, employing 13,000 miles of pipe, 10,000 of which are of cast iron. A comparison was made between the primitive means of water supply and the present convenient means which supplies every portion of the household with hot and cold water.

The next subject treated upon in the address was that of canals. There are in this country 3257 miles of canal navigation, and about 500 miles have been abandoned. Steam has not yet been successfully applied to canal boats, although the Belgian system has been applied between Albany and Buffalo. The Nestor of American engineers, Mr. John B. Jeffries, a veteran of four-score years, has proposed to draw canal boats by locomotives running upon the banks on each side of the canal, but so far without practical success.

RAILWAYS.

The Americans were among the first to appreciate Stephenson's invention of the railroad in 1825, and were but little behind the English in utilizing it. A table taken from a manual by Mr. H. B. Poor shows that the number of miles of railroad are as follows: Europe, 90,000; United States, 86,000; balance of the world, 25,000. The percentage being: Europe, 45 per cent.; United States, 43 per cent.; balance, 12 per cent. The cost of construction in this country is \$8,900 per mile, less than half that of Europe. Our engineers have introduced means that have proved cheap and efficient, and our engines pull heavier trains and make more miles in a year. The average made by an engine in Europe is 15,720 miles; in the United States, 21,900 miles per engine. While our engineers have given engines and cars greater freedom and ease of movement, the result of our sudden turns and steep grades, there are many things in engine construction, notably in boiler making, which might be utilized here with benefit. The Pennsylvania Railroad—if not the best, one of the best-managed roads in the world—has been at great expense in testing improvements, and the new freight cars being tried promise to surpass all others. Our engineers have done fine work in contributing to the safety of travel, vide the instances of the safety platforms, power brakes, &c., which improvements, notwithstanding the lightness of our roads, make travel here as safe as in Europe. The improvements in the matter of automatic signals are remarkable, and much more will be developed in their line. Sharp competition between lines has reduced the cost of transportation to as low rates as can be found elsewhere, and notwithstanding the watering of stock prices, a return of 3.93 is the average showing upon investments.

There are 3500 miles of horse railways in the United States, but this means of transit is very slow. In London the problem has been solved by underground roads. But the cost in this country would be \$1,500,000 per mile. New York had successfully elevated roads on girders which are sustained by iron columns. These roads cost \$300,000 per mile. A decided reduction is necessary to make rapid transit utilized in large cities, and a number of prominent engineers are studying the question.

BRIDGES.

Engineers are necessarily the bridge builders of the country. Iron and steel are now introduced into their construction with important success, and give the greatest efficiency at the smallest cost. There are now in the United States 900 miles of bridges. One-third of them are of stone and iron and two-thirds of wood, and these latter will have to be rebuilt by our engineers with the more durable material. Reference was made to the eye-bar and rivet in the construction of spans, and it was designated the great principle of success in iron bridge building. The chief defect in bridges is in the floor, and the less wood used on iron bridges the better it would be. The chief cause of accidents is by derailment of trains, and the tracks should be made as firm as possible. The question of material should not be forgotten, and he predicted that the day is not far distant when steel will be produced at less cost than iron is at present by the puddling process. It has been used in the bridge at Glasgow, at St. Louis, and is being used in the East River Bridge at New York.

RIVER IMPROVEMENTS

are attracting great attention at present, and the fact is being realized that but little has been done toward river improvements as yet. Within a few years we must make river works. It has been demonstrated that even in the Missouri River the current can be controlled by building brush dikes. [The writer here paid a warm compliment to Captain James B. Eads for his great achievement in constructing the jetties at a cost of \$5,350,000, which answered the same purpose as the ship canal proposed, which would have cost \$10,000,000. This was greeted with loud applause.] The improvement of the Mississippi by deepening its channel and narrowing its width in sundry places attracted much attention. The moveable dam on the Ohio has made success in its working. The idea was taken from the French, who originated it. We will improve upon it to suit the peculiar nature and requirements of our rivers.

The government has erected 626 light-houses and 727 river lights. [Here followed a lengthy table of statistics on buoys, signals, &c.] The removal of the obstructions at Hell Gate, in the East River, by General Newton was a great feat of engineering. A shaft was sunk in the solid rock, which was tunneled and honeycombed in every direction, and the 4427 apertures were exploded with

47,900 pounds of rock powder and dynamite, unsettling three acres of rock and sinking the channel of the river.

General Newton is now engaged in blowing up eight acres of a similar nature, known as Flood Rock. The holes are bored by drills driven by compressed air.

SHIPBUILDING.

The cause of decay of the maritime trade of this country is owing to the unequal competition with England in shipbuilding and the superiority of iron over wooden vessels. The change began to take place in 1857, and notwithstanding that Robert Fulton, an American, first applied steam to navigation, and the Savannah, an American steamer, was the first to cross the ocean, our vessels, for the reasons stated, gradually disappeared from the sea. The cost of construction in this country is much less than it was ten years ago, and there is certainly a great field open for marine engineers. By use of machinery they can overcome the difference in cost of construction and in time we can assume our proper place on the ocean.

TELEGRAPHIC ENGINEERING.

It is very difficult to get statistics on this subject. On Jan. 1 there were 119,042 miles of telegraph in operation and 299,250 miles of wire, not counting the district telegraphs, fire-alarms, &c., in use in the cities. The Western Union Telegraph Company sent in one year 25,070,000 messages.

The telephone when exhibited by Prof. Bell in 1876 was regarded as a toy. Now there are 121,000 instruments at work connecting our residences and business places so that we can talk with each other miles away.

GAS ENGINEERING.

In 1850 there were 50 gas companies in this country; to-day there are 900, with a capital of \$200,000,000, and annually serving 20,000,000 cubic feet of gas, consuming 2,000,000 tons of coal. In competition with other illuminating agencies they have in Europe reduced the price of gas much below what it can be made for in America. Gas furnaces and other applications of gas were spoken of, and the subject of water gas touched upon. Time will show which is the cheapest of these processes.

METALLURGY.

The wonderful increase of blast furnaces in this country is notable. There are now in operation sufficient of these to turn out 6,500,000 tons of iron per year. In this we stand second, England being first and Germany third. Our steel industry is second in the world and in a year it will be first. The growth since 1878 has been 50 per cent., and at present enough to lay or relay 18,000 miles of railroad can be produced annually. Mining was then spoken of, and allusion was made to the enormous products of gold and silver in this country. Special reference was made to the Comstock lode in which the temperature was 103° F., and various appliances were necessary to prevent mortality to the miners. The discovery of petroleum and its importance was spoken of, and instances were cited wherein sinking artesian wells had been struck, which was utilized, the town of Freedonia, N. Y., being thus lighted by natural gas.

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING.

Before this branch all others became as the dust of the valley. In the plow alone wonderful improvements had been made, although in some of the older countries of Europe the same style of implement was in use as was used when the Saviour was born. In 1850 the New York Agricultural Association made trial tests, and found that in using the plow having the smallest draft, a saving of \$8,400,000 was the result to the country per annum. Since that time the improvements have been so steady and important that a saving of \$45,000,000 is made over that time; and yet the plow of the future has not been invented, and it will probably be propelled by steam. Here is a fine field for the engineer. Other inventions, such as shellers, cultivators, &c., were alluded to, and a special tribute was paid to the most wonderful of agricultural implements—the self-binder and reaper—with which a boy could work over from 15 to 20 acres per day, the saving being estimated at one-third of the value of the entire crop, or \$100,000,000. The cotton crop of the South is now picked and worked by old methods, and here the engineer must direct his attention and study out new paths. He must break loose from the rut he has been running in and pay attention to these important fields, not being a promoter of schemes or a tool for the use of the magnates of Wall street. The other topics treated upon were those of meat transportation and wood preservation. A high compliment was paid to Captain John Ericsson, and a prediction was advanced that air would be navigated in time with ease and safety. The paper closed with a comparison between American and English engineers, with some practical suggestions regarding the future gatherings, in order to draw out the full engineering talent of the country.

Wednesday's Excursions.

The excursions of Wednesday were to the City Water Works, the Vulcan Steel Works and Meier Iron Works (blast furnaces) by boat, and the return to the city by rail from the latter place. The St. Louis Water Works are exceedingly interesting. The water is pumped from the Mississippi River below its junction with the Missouri. All the sediment which has given the latter river its title of the Big Muddy goes with the water into four large basins 600 by 270 feet. In these basins the water is allowed to settle for 24 to 36 hours, and is then pumped out to supply the city. It had been so arranged that the different processes of filling in, pumping out, settling and cleaning were in active operation. A shovel of mud from the bottom of the basin undergoing the process of cleaning attracted much attention, as it showed very plainly the result of each day's settling. Sixteen inches of solid mud in four months was the result in the bottom of the basin. One was full of water standing to be cleared of sediment. Another, from which the water was being drawn off, was half empty. A huge stream of water from the pumps was rushing in to fill the third, while the fourth was empty of water, its bottom showing a broad expanse of mud, which a gang of laborers were busy cleaning out. The laborers cut a

channel through and then keep a stream of water, fed by a syphon from an adjoining basin, running close against the edge of the bank. Each has an implement similar to that ordinarily used, in cleaning stables, made of a piece of board 2 feet long and 7 or 8 inches wide with a long handle fixed in the center of it. The men chop out and loosen great chunks of the mud and push them along with the stream till the slushy mass reaches the outlet sewer and is swept into the river. The daily consumption of St. Louis averages 25,000,000 gallons of water and what sand is left in it. A very interesting profile was given the visitors, showing the actual average consumption of water for each of the 24 hours the year round.

THE VULCAN STEEL WORKS

showed to those who had known it previously the admirable results of the efficient management of Mr. W. P. Shinn. Order was being evoked out of chaos. The make of steel rapidly increased, reaching as a daily minimum 200 tons, and the promises of the future success of this works seems excellent.

THE MEIER FURNACES

on the Illinois side of the river were built several years ago, and were intended to be the furnaces of the country. They were never put in blast, however, until 1880, and the wonderful improvements of the past four years have left them far behind. They are not doing the work they should.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Hopedale Machine Company and the Hopedale Furnace Company, of Milford have consolidated. An addition, 40 by 66 feet, has been put on their machine shop, and the foundry has also been enlarged.

The Northampton Emery Wheel Company have bought a large grind stone quarry in Illinois.

PENNSYLVANIA.

It is stated that a stock company has been formed, with a capital of \$300,000, which will build extensive machine shops in Pottsville.

The Union charcoal furnace, belonging to Daniel B. Fisher, of Leesport, more commonly known as the Windsor Furnace, situated on the Blue Mountain, 3 miles north-east of Hamburg, has been compelled to go out of blast in consequence of the destruction of the engine house, boiler house, and blowing apparatus by fire on Saturday last. The loss amounted to about \$3000. There was no insurance on the buildings destroyed. The fire originated from sparks from the furnace stack. The water wheel destroyed was one of the largest in the State of Pennsylvania. It will take four weeks or more to get the furnace in blast. Mr. Fisher has made arrangements for the immediate rebuilding of the buildings destroyed.

The Rockland Furnace, formerly known as the Sully Ann Furnace, near Bower's Station, went into blast on Thursday, the 27th, the damages caused by the burning of the engine house having been repaired.

Emaus Furnace has suspended work on account of the trouble of the P. & R. I. & C. Co. The furnace is in the hands of the company.

Messrs. P. L. Weimer & Bro., Lebanon, who have a contract for building cars for the Reading Railroad, have suspended work on the cars and discharged a number of their hands.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works, at which several engines are now being built for the Reading Railroad, are at present employing over 2700 men, and are running on overtime.

The hoisting apparatus of No. 4 stack, Allentown Iron Company, was discovered to be on fire last week, and was much damaged. The loss will amount to several hundred dollars. The fire will not prevent the furnace from being operated, as it will be filled from No. 3 stack. The damage will be repaired in a few days.

The Palo Alto Rolling Mill, which was leased from the Haywood estate by the Coal and Iron Company a year ago, will, in all probability, close its doors on Saturday night, the lease having expired and business having a black eye. This step was decided on before the suspension of the P. & R.—Pottsville Chronicle of May 28.

Rutter, Newhall & Co., of Philadelphia, who had suspended, owing to the failure of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company and Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, have made a settlement and resumed business.

The Phoenix Iron Company's mill, at Norristown, has ceased work temporarily, and it is uncertain when it will be restarted. Report says that the measure is a prudential one merely on the part of the company, who desire to avoid all unnecessary expense until the results of the Reading Railroad Company's suspension are developed.

The puddle department of J. H. Boone & Co.'s Stony Creek rolling mill, near Norristown, which has been lying idle for several weeks past, was to have resumed operations on the double turn on Monday morning, the 31st ult., with a fair prospect of running steadily. A number of improvements have been made in this mill while it has been standing idle.

Douglas Furnace No. 1, at Sharpsville, has been "banked up" for an indefinite time. This leaves only two furnaces in blast—Spearmen No. 1 and the Mabel.

Joseph T. Potts, the recent purchaser of the Isabella Furnace, has already received several car loads of charcoal from Virginia. He is having a new hearth put in, besides other improvements preparatory to putting the furnace in blast.

The work of remodeling Swede Furnace below Norristown, has been suspended in consequence of the suspension of the Reading Railroad Company. Considerable material is lying about the premises, which, if not used will likely be ruined. The stoppage of repairs was not relished by the laborers in the neighborhood.

VIRGINIA.

The proprietors of the manganese works

in Augusta County, last week mined, washed and shipped to England 100 tons of manganese. The company now employs from 75 to 100 hands, runs two saw mills, two washers driven by steam, and keeps in employment from 10 to 12 teams.—Staunton Valley Virginian.

OHIO.

Bloom Furnace, hot-blast, blew in last Thursday. The furnace and property are in better condition than ever before. Clare, Amos & Co. are proprietors, and W. C. Amos, of Ironton, is manager.—Portsmouth Times.

Russell & Co., of Masillon, are working 325 men, and are compelled to run over hours to keep pace with orders. They are turning out seven engines and 36 thrashing machines per week.

The Lawrence Mill at Ironton is running single turn and reports a little better prospect. Inquiries are coming in more numerously.

Messrs. Hanna, Rhodes & Chapin have erected in Cleveland a manufactory of bolts and nuts. They will manufacture a full line of carriage, tire, spring, plow and agricultural bolts, also machine and cap screws, making a specialty of fine Philadelphia bolts. The works, to be known as the Chapin Bolt and Nut Works, will turn out 175,000 per day.

The Cherry Valley Iron Company, of Leontonia, have just completed the laying of an 8-inch cast-iron pipe from their furnace to their rolling mill, a distance of 300 yards, through which to convey steam to operate the machinery of the latter.

Andrews & Hitchcock's Furnace No. 1, at Hubbard, which has been damped down for some time and undergoing repairs, resumed operations some days ago.

KENTUCKY.

The Kenton Furnace was to have started on the 1st of June to make a blast of 3000 tons.

The Center Furnace, Lyon County, is now in full blast, turning out from 12 to 15 tons of iron daily, and has a contract for all the iron it can manufacture this season at \$36 per ton.

The Hunnewell Furnace is now receiving 27 loads of charcoal per day, and will increase this quantity to 30 loads by the end of this week, which is certainly doing things on a pretty large scale. The furnace is now making 18 tons of strictly No. 1 foundry iron per day.

TENNESSEE.

The Knoxville Car Wheel Co. are running their blast furnace in Carter County, and are building a second stack, which will be finished by July.

CHATTANOOGA, May 29.—By fiat of the Chancery Court of Hamilton County, on a general creditors' bill filed by the shareholders of the company, the Vulcan Iron and Nail Works were to-day thrown into bankruptcy under the laws of Tennessee, and James C. Warner, of Nashville, was appointed receiver. The best information obtainable is that the liabilities are \$362,000, and the assets available about \$200,000. The Vulcan Works had the largest mill, bolt, spike and bar mill in the South, and employed about 600 hands. The capacity of the mill was 40 tons daily, half of which was in nails. The receiver is directed to continue operating the mill as long as he does not impair the assets. A large portion of the liabilities are held by business men of Chattanooga. The failure causes much excitement here. The cause assigned for the failure is the shrinkage in iron, a large stock of which was on hand.

INDIANA.

The Nelson Iron and Coal Company, a new organization, has put in blast the furnace at Shoals, which has been idle for several years.

ILLINOIS.

The fires were started in the blast furnace of the Joliet Iron and Steel Company on Tuesday, the 25th ult. The furnaces had been idle for over a year.

It is reported that a new company will shortly be formed in Chicago, with a capital stock of \$150,000 for the manufacture of a new patent post for barbed-wire fence. Several large firms of that city are interested in the project.

The Chicago Axle and Forge Works, W. H. Cunningham, proprietor, are running full time employing a large number of men, and turning out car-axles, engines and mill shafting for the railroads of the West. They are in receipt of orders from Iowa, Nebraska and for southwestern railroads.

A new corporation called the Duffy Tool Company, with a capital of \$50,000, have purchased the grounds, buildings and machinery of the old Chicago Steel Company, at South Chicago, where they will manufacture tools, hardware and crucible steel. The new enterprise was to commence operations June 1. Among the members of the company are such well-known business men and capitalists as Francis W. Newland, A. D. Lamb, Hon. John L. Burleigh, James F. Duffy and James Mooney, of New York.

The Vulcan Iron Works, of Chicago, are just completing a car pile-driver for the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railroad Company, to be used for railroad pile-driving along the line of the above road, with a 20,000-pound hammer. This firm are also manufacturing a Loomis patent steam hammer for the Chicago Dredging and Dock Company and a Skinner patent hammer for O. B. Green. They are employing 75 hands and running overtime.

The Union Foundry Works, corner Fifteenth and Dearborn streets, have shut down work. The Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad Company will build its tracks this summer on the grounds where the above foundry and works were established and run since 1853. It was one of Chicago's largest and oldest workshops. Some hundred hands found work here the year round. The firm made a specialty of architectural ironwork, and their iron column store fronts can be seen in almost any large city. Just at present there seems to be some doubt whether they will resume work or not. If they should, new works will have to be erected in some other part of the city.—Chicago Industrial World.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL.

A property which has hitherto by many been considered peculiar to ice, and of great importance in explaining the action and movements of glaciers, is

REGELATION.

Ice, it is true, appears to possess this property in a high degree, and the following experiment beautifully shows it: Lay a bar of ice horizontally upon two bearings at its ends; then place a thin wire upon the middle of the bar and hang a weight to it. The wire will in time cut its way through the bar and come out at the under side without leaving a trace of its path. There is every reason to believe that other bodies possess this same property, though in a lesser degree. An examination of the method employed in the manufacture of lead pipe will prove that there also regelation plays an important part. In its manufacture a strong iron cylinder is fixed with its axis in a vertical position. A ram works in it underneath, and there is a hole in the upper end of the cylinder for receiving a die. The die is made of such a size as to give the required diameter to the lead pipe. The ram is lowered and the cylinder is filled with melted lead. The lead radiates its heat through the cylinder, but in order that it may not cool down below a certain temperature, a fire is kept burning around and in contact with the cylinder. When the lead is cooled down to a little below its point of solidification, and is "set," as it is technically called, pressure is applied to the ram and the lead is forced through the die. If the pressure be applied before the lead is sufficiently cooled, or before it is "set," a jet of liquid metal is thrown up and a splash of lead is left on the ceiling above the cylinder, as evidence that that part of the operation was begun too soon.

The die is made of annular form by the insertion of a steel core in the center of the hole. But this core has to be held in position. This is done by a bar across both the core and the die inside the cylinder, so that the core cannot be forced out through the die. The lead in its passage from the cylinder has to move round this bar; for the bar acts somewhat like an island in the middle of a river, or like an island in the middle of a glacier; it cuts the stream into two halves. How are these two streams of lead to join each other so as to make a pipe? We have seen that if the lead be liquid, a jet is thrown up, and instead of forming a pipe, falls as an unpleasant shower upon the workmen. If the lead were solid, its ductility would enable it to be forced through the die in the form of two half-cylinders; but ductility would not join the two halves together. How, then, is the joining effected? There is no way of doing it except by regelation; and that regelation does really take place appears clear when the conditions of the operation are examined. It appears that the lead is forced against the die with a pressure which slightly lowers its melting point; and, as the pressure overcomes a viscous resistance, heat is generated in the lead, thus slightly raising its already high temperature; these two causes acting together melt a portion of the lead. Then, before the lead gets quite through the die, the resistance diminishes; therefore the pressure diminishes, and as the pressure diminishes the melting point returns to its normal height; meanwhile that portion of the lead which is escaping the pressure is coming nearer to the external air; its temperature is therefore being lowered, because its heat is radiated more rapidly; these two causes acting together solidify the lead—that is, regale the lead, and complete the formation of the pipe. In this way a lead pipe is formed by regelation.

Dr. Henry A. Mott, well known in connection with numerous investigations into the purity of various articles of food and other chemical researches, has just published a report on

HEVEENOID.

a new product, which, it is claimed, is destined to supplant the hard and vulcanized India rubber. The process of manufacturing heveenoid, which is the invention of Mr. Henry Gerner, is thus described by Dr. Mott: Pure India rubber, whether it be Para, Nicaragua, Madagascar or African, is first boiled in water, after which it is passed between rollers, one of which is rigid; a stream of cold water is allowed to flow over it, when it is torn in all directions, the water washing out the sand and other foreign impurities. It is then hung up to dry in a room the temperature of which is 120° to 150° F., and left there for five to six days, when it is in a condition to be baked on rollers, the object of which is to make the rubber more homogeneous, after which it is rolled up and laid away for use. The next stage in the manufacture is the incorporation of the other constituents with the rubber thus prepared. The principal constituents to be incorporated are camphor and sulphur. These two substances are usually united before combining them with the rubber, and there are several processes to bring about their union. The camphor may be melted and then poured on the sulphur, or both may be melted together, the two substances being thoroughly stirred and then allowed to cool, when it may be ground and reduced to powder, which latter process is facilitated by moistening the mixture with either alcohol, naphtha, gasoline or benzene. This powder is then in a condition to mix with the rubber. The camphor could be dissolved in some menstrua, such as alcohol, naphtha, &c., and then poured on sulphur and such other substances as are to be incorporated with the mixture, the whole being thoroughly stirred, when the solution may be evaporated and the product ground to a powder as above. Another method which has proved very practicable is to mix the camphor and sulphur thoroughly under rollers, after which it may be ground in an ordinary grinding mill. The powder prepared by one of the above processes is next directly incorporated with the prepared rubber which was laid away for use. The rubber is passed between rollers, one of which is run somewhat faster than the other, and as one roller is hotter than the other, the rubber naturally adheres to that roller.

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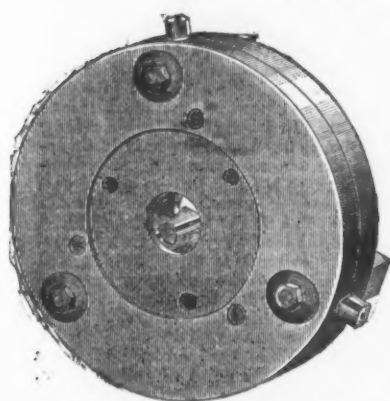


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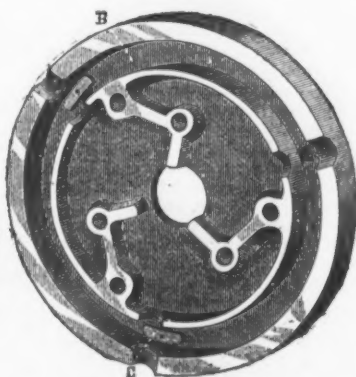


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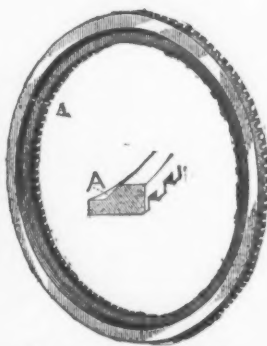


Fig. 1.—Circular Rack.



Fig. 3.—Cam Block and Spring Washer.



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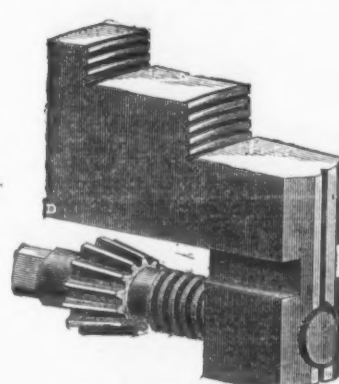


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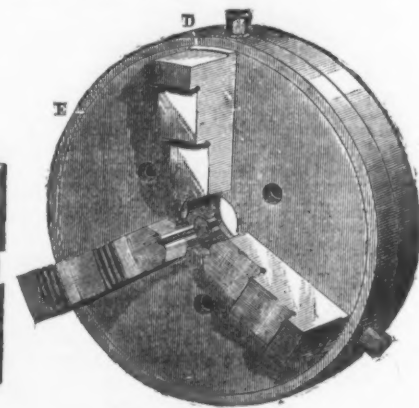
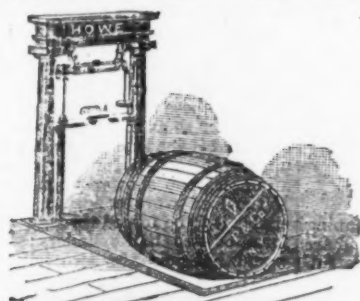


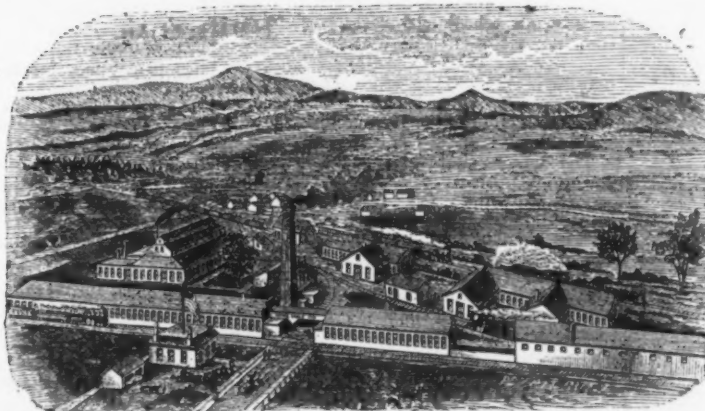
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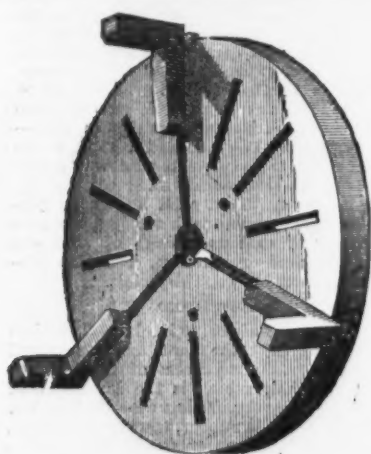
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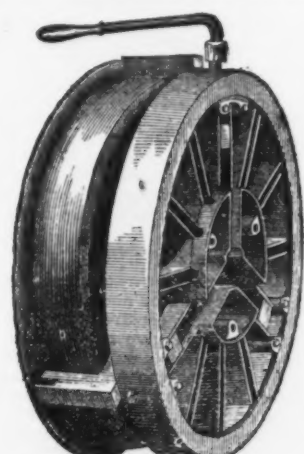
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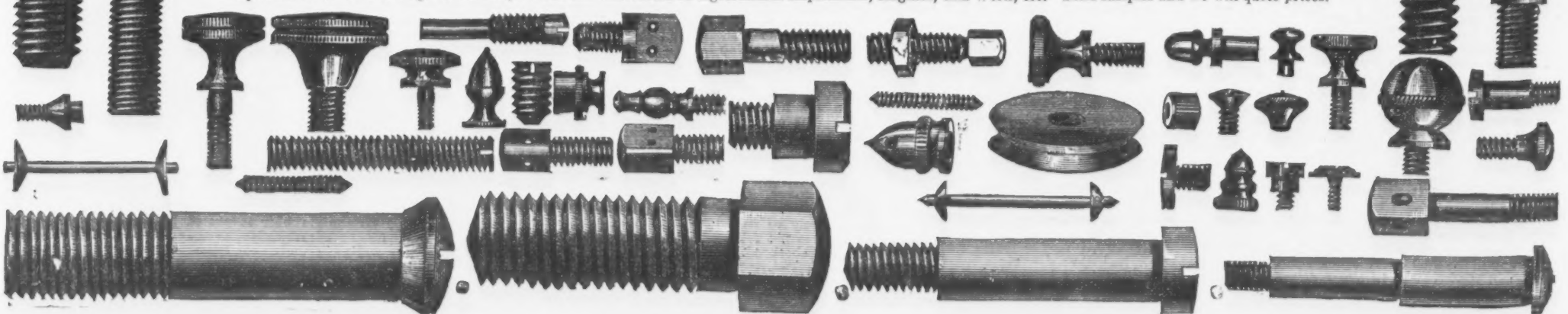
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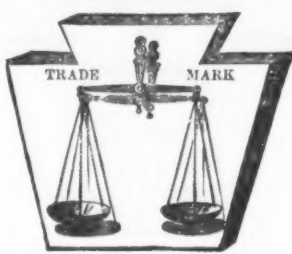
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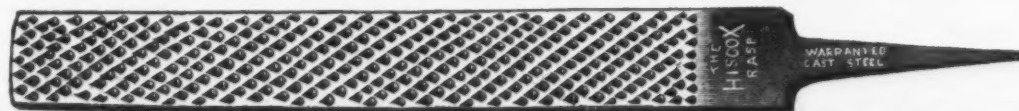
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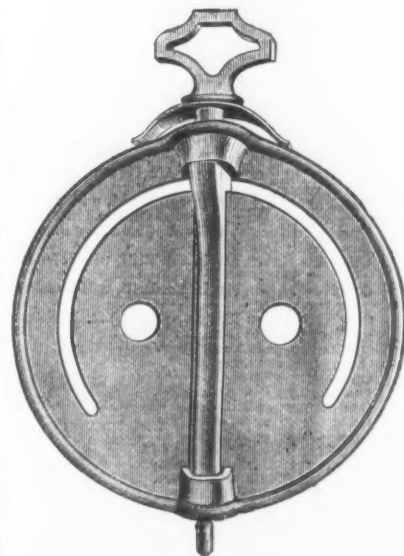
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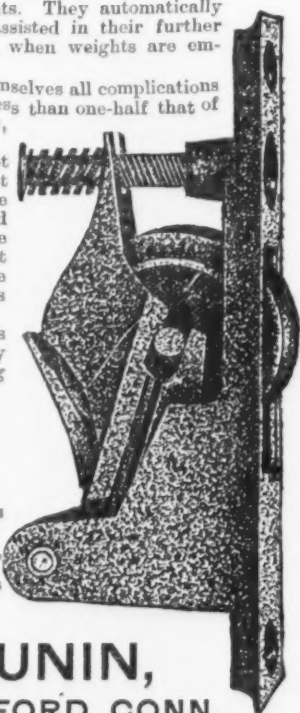
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felt for three months or more. A lot of Bar and small Rounds raised from the steamer Alice, sunk on the Falls three weeks ago, sold at auction here yesterday at just about 2¢ card, being taken up by the merchant trade. Mud and rust-covered Nails brought as high as \$2.50 per keg. Scrap has toned up considerably and is held now at \$1.15. Many of our shops are shut down for annual repairs; so while local demand is not at its briskest, goods are moving out fairly well for the season. It is probable that both mills here will close down early in the week, as it now seems doubtful if they are permitted to work up what Muck Bar they have on hand.

BALTIMORE.

W. N. WYETH, Iron and Steel Merchant, 46 and 48 South Charles street, reports the following, under date of May 31: Trade rules about the same as last reported, with a slight perceptible improvement noticeable:

Ref. Bar Iron, 1 to 6 by 3/4 to 1 1/2	2 1/2 @ 2 3/4
" " 1 to 4 by 1 1/2 to 2 1/2	2 1/2 @ 2 3/4
" " 1/2 to 3/4, Round	2 1/2 @ 2 3/4
and Square	2 1/2 @ 2 3/4
Hoop Iron, 1 1/2 wide and upward	3 1/4 @ 4
Band Iron, from 1 1/4 to 4 in. wide	3 1/4 @ 4
Horse-shoe Iron	3 1/4 @ 4
Norway Nail Rods	6 1/2 @ 6 3/4
Black Diamond Cast Steel	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2
Machinery Steel	9 @ 9 1/2
Cast Spring Steel	10 @ 10 1/2
Common Horse Nails	10 @ 14
Perkins' Horse shoes, 1/2 keg of 100 lbs.	5 @ 5 1/2
Mule shoes	6 @ 6 1/2

Putnam Horse Nails, 21 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170 171 172 173 174 175 176 177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188 189 190 191 192 193 194 195 196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219 220 221 222 223 224 225 226 227 228 229 230 231 232 233 234 235 236 237 238 239 240 241 242 243 244 245 246 247 248 249 250 251 252 253 254 255 256 257 258 259 260 261 262 263 264 265 266 267 268 269 270 271 272 273 274 275 276 277 278 279 280 281 282 283 284 285 286 287 288 289 290 291 292 293 294 295 296 297 298 299 300 301 302 303 304 305 306 307 308 309 310 311 312 313 314 315 316 317 318 319 320 321 322 323 324 325 326 327 328 329 330 331 332 333 334 335 336 337 338 339 340 341 342 343 344 345 346 347 348 349 350 351 352 353 354 355 356 357 358 359 360 361 362 363 364 365 366 367 368 369 370 371 372 373 374 375 376 377 378 379 380 381 382 383 384 385 386 387 388 389 390 391 392 393 394 395 396 397 398 399 400 401 402 403 404 405 406 407 408 409 410 411 412 413 414 415 416 417 418 419 420 421 422 423 424 425 426 427 428 429 430 431 432 433 434 435 436 437 438 439 440 441 442 443 444 445 446 447 448 449 450 451 452 453 454 455 456 457 458 459 460 461 462 463 464 465 466 467 468 469 470 471 472 473 474 475 476 477 478 479 480 481 482 483 484 485 486 487 488 489 490 491 492 493 494 495 496 497 498 499 500 501 502 503 504 505 506 507 508 509 510 511 512 513 514 515 516 517 518 519 520 521 522 523 524 525 526 527 528 529 530 531 532 533 534 535 536 537 538 539 540 541 542 543 544 545 546 547 548 549 550 551 552 553 554 555 556 557 558 559 560 561 562 563 564 565 566 567 568 569 570 571 572 573 574 575 576 577 578 579 580 581 582 583 584 585 586 587 588 589 590 591 592 593 594 595 596 597 598 599 600 601 602 603 604 605 606 607 608 609 610 611 612 613 614 615 616 617 618 619 620 621 622 623 624 625 626 627 628 629 630 631 632 633 634 635 636 637 638 639 640 641 642 643 644 645 646 647 648 649 650 651 652 653 654 655 656 657 658 659 660 661 662 663 664 665 666 667 668 669 670 671 672 673 674 675 676 677 678 679 680 681 682 683 684 685 686 687 688 689 690 691 692 693 694 695 696 697 698 699 700 701 702 703 704 705 706 707 708 709 710 711 712 713 714 715 716 717 718 719 720 721 722 723 724 725 726 727 728 729 730 731 732 733 734 735 736 737 738 739 740 741 742 743 744 745 746 747 748 749 750 751 752 753 754 755 756 757 758 759 760 761 762 763 764 765 766 767 768 769 770 771 772 773 774 775 776 777 778 779 780 781 782 783 784 785 786 787 788 789 790 791 792 793 794 795 796 797 798 799 800 801 802 803 804 805 806 807 808 809 810 811 812 813 814 815 816 817 818 819 820 821 822 823 824 825 826 827 828 829 830 831 832 833 834 835 836 837 838 839 840 841 842 843 844 845 846 847 848 849 850 851 852 853 854 855 856 857 858 859 860 861 862 863 864 865 866 867 868 869 870 871 872 873 874 875 876 877 878 879 880 881 882 883 884 885 886 887 888 889 890 891 892 893 894 895 896 897 898 899 900 901 902 903 904 905 906 907 908 909 910 911 912 913 914 915 916 917 918 919 920 921 922 923 924 925 926 927 928 929 930 931 932 933 934 935 936 937 938 939 940 941 942 943 944 945 946 947 948 949 950 951 952 953 954 955 956 957 958 959 960 961 962 963 964 965 966 967 968 969 970 971 972 973 974 975 976 977 978 979 980 981 982 983 984 985 986 987 988 989 990 991 992 993 994 995 996 997 998 999 1000

R. C. HOFFMAN & Co., Iron and Commission Merchants, report the Pig Iron market as follows, under date of May 31: We have no change to note in the Iron market since our last report. Market quiet at about quotations:

Baltimore Charcoal Wheel Iron	45.00 @ 50.00
Virginia	45.00 @ 50.00
Anthracite No. 1	25.00 @ 26.00
" No. 2	24.00 @ 25.00
" No. 3	23.00 @ 24.00
" Mottled and White	22.00 @ 23.00
Charcoal C. B. Blooms	75.00 @ 80.00
Billets	75.00 @ 80.00
Refined Blooms	60.00 @ 65.00

CINCINNATI.

Messrs. E. L. HARPER & Co., under date of May 31, write as follows: A decidedly better feeling pervades the market and prices close at a higher basis. Early in the week Hanging Rock could be picked up in small lots as low as \$25 here, and even some round lots changed hands at a little below this figure. A large demand, however, sprang up, offers for 10,000 tons being made at these rates, but were not considered, and prices speedily reacted, some small sales being closed at \$30. The demand continues to improve, the inquiries being general and nearly always resulting in good-sized orders. The XX Furnace is to be blown out, and other leading Hocking Valley furnaces are seriously considering an immediate stoppage, because of the necessary loss in selling at present prices. The quotations below show the range of the market to-day:

FOUNDRY IRON.		4 mos.	
No. 1 Hanging Rock Charcoal	\$28.00 @ 30.00	No. 1 Southern	24.00 @ 26.00
No. 1 Strong Coke	24.00 @ 26.00	No. 1 Soft Silica	22.00 @ 23.00
No. 1 Open Silver	21.00 @ 22.00		
GRAY IRON.		4 mos.	
Hanging Rock Charcoal	45.00 @ 50.00	Neutral Coke	24.00 @ 26.00
Cold-Short	21.00 @ 22.00		
CAR WHEEL—MALLEABLE.		4 mos.	
Hanging Rock, Cold-blast	45.00 @ 47.00	Southern, Warm-blast	40.00 @ 42.00
Lake Superior	40.00 @ 41.00		

ST. LOUIS.

Messrs. CARD & HOFFER, Pig Iron and Iron Ore Merchants, 417 Pine street, write us as follows under date of May 29: There is an evident better feeling among the larger buyers and inquiries are resulting in business. We quote:

HOT BLAST CHARCOAL.		4 mos.	
Missouri	\$28.00 @ 30.00	Southern	24.00 @ 26.00
Hanging Rock	24.00 @ 26.00		
COKE AND COAL.		4 mos.	
Missouri	None offering	Southern	24.00 @ 26.00
Ohio	23.00 @ 25.00		
MILL IRON.		4 mos.	
Cold-short	23.00 @ 25.00	Red-short	27.00 @ 28.00
CAR WHEEL IRONS.		4 mos.	
Missouri	43.00 @ 48.00	Southern	45.00 @ 50.00
Ohio	30.00 @ 35.00		
IRON ORE—NOMINALLY.		4 mos.	
Ore for fix	10.00 @ 12.00	For furnace	6.50 @ 7.50
Brown Hematites	no market.		

RICHMOND.

Mr. ASA SNYDER, Iron Merchant and Furnace Agent, writes as follows under date of May 31: A fair demand exists on the basis of these quotations:

Scotch Pig Iron, according to brand	23.00 @ 28.00
Am. Scotch Pig Iron	27.00 @ 30.00
American No. 1	25.00 @ 28.00
" No. 2	23.00 @ 26.00
" No. 3	21.00 @ 24.00
Am. Mott and White	20.00 @ 22.00
Cold-blast Charcoal	49.00 @ 45.00
Warm-blast Charcoal	31.00 @ 34.00
Old Rails	25.00 @ 27.00
Wrought Scrap No. 1	22.00 @ 24.00
Cast Machinery No. 1	30.00 @ 32.00
Richmond Refined Iron, Stand'd	2.5 @ 3.00
Horse Shoes, Tredegar	4 @ 5.50
Mule	6 @ 6.50
Old Dominion Nails, (standard size)	3 @ 3.00
For lots of 300 kegs, 10¢ per keg less.	

NEW ORLEANS.

Messrs. MINNIGRODE & Co., dealers in Railway Supplies, 61 St. Charles street, write as follows under date of May 28: The events of the past week have confirmed us in the opinion expressed in our last letter—that the market had about reached the lowest point in the decline. This opinion is not shared by the majority of our correspondents, but we judge more from actual transactions than from individual opinions. In our market there has been a decided improvement over the prices of two weeks ago in both Old Rails and Pig Iron. The prices on finished Iron have remained unchanged, but trade has been active, and holders will need no incentive to regulate prices in sympathy with greater firmness in

raw material. The inquiry continues much more brisk than for many weeks past. There is still, in most instances, a wide difference between buyers and sellers, but the sellers appear to feel the greater confidence.

Our English Letter.

Review of the British Iron, Steel, Metal and Hardware Trades.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

LONDON, ENG., May 17, 1880.
THE TRADE OUTLOOK

has not become much brighter since the date of my last letter. In a few instances there has been a little more business done, but it is assumed that the near approach of the Whitsuntide holidays and the consequent desire of the men to make "a good week," may have more to do with this than any legitimate augmentation of work arising out of additional orders. The Whitsuntide enjoyments begin to-day, which is Whit Monday, the principal and best kept holiday of the whole year. At one time the festival was almost exclusively one of the Northern and Midland districts of the country, but since the establishment of bank holidays, the day has been equally well observed in London and the South of England generally. Falling as it mostly does at a time of year when vegetation wears its most beautiful spring aspect, Whit Monday possesses many attractions which the other holidays lack—hence it has become the chief out-door day of the year. On this occasion it falls unusually early in the season, but the weather is so fine and the flowers, &c., are so forward that everything favors the non-observance of business. As a matter of fact, the city of London proper—into which over a million persons go each morning and return each evening—is to-day an absolute desert. All the offices, banks, and other business places are closed, and their habitues are on pleasure bent. The bank holidays are now so universally observed that they are not only void of business, but also of pleasure to those who are quietly disposed, and who are not possessed of a burning desire to immortalize themselves among the crowds at the theatres, or any of the 250 railway stations of this huge metropolis. In all the principal iron and hardware producing districts the present week will be a broken one. Give one day as a feast to the British workman, and it may safely be assumed that he will take two or three days more in order to make his carouse a thorough one. In Birmingham, Manchester, Sheffield, Leeds, &c., to-day is celebrated for its annual gatherings of Sunday-school children, but, in most places, there are also "feasts" or "fairs," which prolong their miserable and antiquated existences during the greater part of the week. These afford ample excuse for the men to "go on the loose," hence it is clear that the greater part of the week will be wasted. In some senses the restriction of production thus effected may not be without its uses, but where such limitation would be of most service it will be wanting. The blast furnaces, for instance, will be kept going, not only in Scotland (where Whitsuntide is not observed) but in this country. Thus pig iron, the abundance of which is the bugbear of the trade, will suffer very little by the interval, while, on the other hand, the mills and forges will lie idle. Could the reverse effect be brought about, the result would certainly be happier. It is becoming more clear day by day that nothing will save prices from going still lower but a considerable and honest reduction of the production. In all directions the make is infinitely beyond the requirements of consumers, and stocks are increasing to an extent never before known. It is asserted, indeed, that if the whole of the furnaces in Scotland could be laid idle for three or four months there would be no scarcity whatever of that class of iron. Such a step, of course, out of the question, but the mere fact of such a statement being possible is startling, and calculated to shake one's faith in the favorable prophecies which are being uttered and circulated with respect to the immediate future of our iron industries. Up to the present time there are few signs of the ironmasters having the courage to adopt the means necessary to save themselves and their consumers from absolute ruin. They seem content to go on piling up iron in their yards and in the official warehouses, apparently on the speculation that "something will turn up" in the vein peculiar to the late Mr. Micawber, of lamented memory. All accounts from the United States point to the conclusion that nothing is to be expected from your market; yet I have no doubt that many of the Scotch ironmasters still hunger after your orders, and really believe that by some lucky fluke or other their iron will still experience a sale on your side. It is of little or no avail to urge upon these gentlemen the utter improbability of there being any revival in your demand worthy of being mentioned. They have tasted blood, and that so lately, that they are athirst for more. Such being the case, it is clearly most difficult to say how long the infatuation may last. So long as the feeling does obtain, we are pretty certain to witness low prices, seeing that no other foreign market is likely to send orders sufficient to compensate for the loss of your demand. This is especially the case with Scotch pig, which is not now so generally used as was the case at one time. The Sheffield and other stove founders, for instance, use but small quantities of Scotch brands, having nearer to hand Derbyshire pigs at lower prices, which fully answer all their ordinary requirements. In Germany, as your columns have lately shown, some of the native pigs are almost equal to Scotch, which, with other similar facts, renders it quite a question whether the future of the Scottish smelters is entirely hopeful. Australia and other new markets, it is true, are growing customers, but it will be long before these countries will operate as equivalents for the loss of your great market. Cleveland is in a different position. Its pig is exceedingly low-priced; it has special facilities for cheap shipments coastwise as well as foreignwise, and the quantity is sufficiently good for most

ordinary purposes. The effect of these points of advantage is apparent, even at the present time, for the Cleveland ironmasters are not only sending large consignments abroad, but they are also extending their business with Scotland itself—the result of the utilization of both these channels being seen in a steady decrease of stocks in the teeth of the very large production. Passing on now to the hematite branches of the smelting industries, a singularly contradictory state of things exists. With most of the producers heavily sold forward at good prices, and stocks at an excessively low ebb, quotations in the open market have descended to the extent of 100 per cent. within three months, so that whereas some of the sales of January and February were on the basis of £7. 10/ @ £8 per ton, the same brands are now to be had (from second holders mostly) at £3. 10/ @ £3. 15/! New orders are scarce, and makers themselves will presently be in the field. At present they decline to enter into contracts for more than a month's forward deliveries, believing, they say, that by midsummer all the brokers will have cleared out their holdings, and that the general state of the trade will thereafter move up an inclined plane. Taking a parallel view, some of the Bessemer works are replenishing their stores very freely, in spite of the terrors of dephosphorization and more ordinary contingencies. One well-known Sheffield house, the senior partner of which is commonly reported to possess unlimited pecuniary resources, has, within the past fortnight, bought many thousands of tons of these pigs at a price well within £4 per ton. Coming to the manufactured iron departments, there is little that is new to report. Most of the mills and forges are much slacker than they were a short time ago. Some of them have again set down their plant and discharged their men, while the workmen who are kept on are being asked to accept reductions. New orders are alarmingly scarce for bars, although sheets, strips and hoops, it is stated, are still being made on United States account in Staffordshire, as well as for the hardware manufacturers. On the whole, nevertheless, finished iron must be pronounced very dull, with prices which are purely and absolutely nominal.

SCOTCH PIG IRON

is conspicuous by its dullness and entire want of mobility in prices and turnover. The shipments, which had been pretty well kept up, have now fallen off to the extent of 50 per cent. week, and there are no new orders in the market likely to yield anything approaching to the former returns. Statistically, Scotch pig is growing worse each succeeding week. There are now 411,471 tons in Connal's stores—an increase during last week of 2290 tons, and an increase of 180,000 tons since Christmas last. Stocks in makers' own yards are said to be small, but the term is so elastic that it may turn out that there are 250,000 tons in their hands, besides the quantity in the official stores. There are 114 furnaces blowing, of which a few are temporarily damped down, owing to wages disputes, some of the ironmasters having served notices of reductions. The total shipments to date have increased 102,391 tons over those for the corresponding period of 1879. Ballast pig is 45/ per ton, and freights are liberally "anyhow" and anything between 7/6 and 11/6 for steam or sail to your Eastern ports. Cleveland pigs are being more largely imported into Grangemouth, over 5400 tons having been so sent last week, which is a much heavier tonnage than has been disposed of lately in that direction. James Watson & Son report a very dull market at Glasgow, and John E. Swan & Bros., Limited, give the subjoined particulars of prices, &c., in Scotland, under date of May 14th:

LANARKSHIRE BRANDS, FREE ALONGSIDE SHIP AT GLASGOW.			
Brands.	No. 1.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Gartsherrie	63/	48/	...
Coltness	57/	51/	...
Langloan	57/	51/	...
Shotts, Ordinary	56/	52/	...
Calder	51/	47/	...
Summerlee	51/	47/	...
Chapelhall	51/	47/	...
Carabrook	51/	47/	...
Clyde	48/	45/	...
Quarter-Clyde	47/	45/	...
Govan	47/	45/	...
Monkland	47/	45/	...
Warranta, 3-5 No. 1; 2-5 No. 3. G. M. B. F. O. B.	47/	45/	...
GLASGOW	46/	44/	...

ATYRSHIRE BRANDS, FREE ALONGSIDE SHIP AT GLASGOW.			
Brands.	No. 1.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Glenarnock	53/	49/	51/
Ardeer	53/	49/	51/
Eglinton	48/	46/	...
Sugar	48/	46/	...
Muirkirk	48/	46/	...
Portland	48/	46/	...
Dalmellington	48/	46/	49/

EAST COAST BRANDS, FREE ALONGSIDE SHIP IN THE PORT.			
Brands.	No. 1.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Carron, Selected	52/	48/	...
Carron, Ordinary	50/	47/	...
Almond, Export	50/	47/	...
Almond, Home use	48/	46/	...
Govan	47/	45/	...

Furnaces in blast in Scotland, May 14, 1880, 114; May 15, 1879, 87.
(Producing about 23,710 tons per week.)

are currently somewhat nominal at the following figures:

No. 1 Foundry	42/6	No. 4 Forge	37/6
" " "	40/	Mottled	37/
" " "	37/	White	36/6
" " "	37/6	Kentledge	47/6

It may possibly interest some of your producers to learn that coal is now to be had in the North of England at 5/ @ 7/6 per ton; coke at 11/ @ 14/; iron ore at 6/ @ 9/ for common, and 14/ @ 17/ for hematites; puddlers' wages being 8/3 per ton, and limestone for fluxing almost nominal. The fixed charges do not vary much from your own similar interest. From these data you will be enabled to compare cost of producing pig iron here and on your side. Statistics have been issued showing the average monthly output of different sorts of iron in Cleveland over a series of years. They are as under:

	Rails	Plates	Bars	Angles
Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1875	26,000	14,400	8,400	3,400
1876	28,000	16,000	9,200	4,000
1877	30,000	17,800	10,000	4,600
1878	32,000	19,600	10,800	5,200
1879	34,000	21,400	11,600	5,800
1880	36,000	23,200	12,400	6,400

It is thus apparent that the sheet anchor of the Northern district is plate rolling; the revival of rail making being purely ephemeral.

THE BOILER EXPLOSION.

which took place on Saturday morning at the Birchall Hall Iron Works, near Walsall, affords an apt corroboration of the axiom that some fearful disaster invariably heralds the approach of all the chief holidays of

CHILL.

(Ferrocarill.)
VALPARAISO, April 9, 1880.—Copper.—When the holiday week had been gone through, purchases only offered \$18.75 @ \$18.85, but on the receipt of more favorable cable news they paid as much as \$18.85 @ \$19, and gradually, up to yesterday, prices kept up steadily, reaching \$19.50. This is while London cables Chili Bars 264. Of Regulus 20,000 quintals were taken at \$2.75. No ore has been sold. We quote the same nominally \$3.50. Total sales of bar Copper, 6877 quintals. Nitrate.—Two cargoes Tocopilla, with 47/6 freight, sold during the past fortnight at \$2.77 for 95%, and on the 3d inst. the government offered 100,000 quintals at auction, limiting the same at \$3.60. Only \$3.51 being offered, the sale was stopped, and the government resolved to ship the lot at 37/6 freight. Meanwhile, a cargo of Talia brought \$3.70 for 96%. Total sales, 41,000 quintals. Exchange—60 days on London, 31/2d.; 90 days, 32d.

EAST INDIES.

(Rautenberg, Schmidt & Co.)

SINGAPORE, April 14, 1880.—Tin.—Tin has declined uninterruptedly and finally closes weak at \$27 per picul. Exchange firm at 2/10 for six months' sight on London, and at 2/10 for four months' bank bills.

(Schmidt, Kustermann & Co.)

PENANG, April 16, 1880.—Tin.—The market opened at \$28.30, at which rate 800 piculs were taken for European account, but since, in consequence of the unfavorable cablegrams from Europe and America, prices have given way uninterruptedly, sales having been made even as low as \$25.80 and lower. Sales for the fortnight sum up 2800 piculs for Europe and America, and 1600 piculs taken for India and China by Chinese at the close. While writing, we hear that the latter have still taken 400 piculs at \$26, which is the closing figure. The unsold stock in bazar is estimated at 2500 piculs. Exchange has been steady and firm all along. We quote four months' sight bank bills 3/9.

(Gillman, Wood & Co.)

SINGAPORE, April 20, 1880.—Tin.—The demand is limited; a sale was made last week at \$26.25 per picul, but buyers now offer lower prices, and we think a further decline is only a question of time, unless the American demand revives, of which at present there is no sign. Exports from the Straits to the United States, so far this month, have been 330 tons, all by steamers via London. Freight—There have not been many arrivals of vessels in search of employment, and the immediate result has been an advance in berth rates of 2/6 for London; deadweight now brings 35/ but, as a cargo is not offered freely, we doubt if the advance will hold. For New York the Romeo has taken the berth at 30/ for deadweight. The Leading Wind is now full, and will sail to-morrow. Cargo is scarce. For Boston the T. A. Goodard has been chartered on secret terms. Exchange is steady at 3/10 3/4 @ 3/10 1/2 for six months' sight credit drafts.

METALLURGICAL NOTES.

STEAM FOR COMPRESSING STEEL.

We notice that during the discussion of a paper presented by Mr. Anderson, accompanying Mr. Cherriff's article on the structure of steel, Mr. Anderson, of Erith, stated that the method of casting ingots under steam pressure was really due to the Terrenoire works, and not to American, having been in use at Terrenoire for a considerable time. The facts in the case are these: In 1873 experiments were made at Chalcassière, in France, to produce round castings by the use of steam, a method which was then claimed as a novelty. At that time, and, in fact, before it, Captain Jones, of the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, had taken out patents in France for the method described, and there can be little doubt of the priority of his invention. We may add that to him is due the great credit, in addition, of having been the first to make the method a practical success.

PROPERTIES AND MANUFACTURE OF OPEN-HEARTH STEEL.

Dr. Kollmann, engineer at Gutehoffnungshütte, Germany, has contributed to the *Verh. d. Ver. z. Beförd. d. Gewerh.*, a valuable paper on the properties and the manufacture of mild open-hearth steel, from which we take the following: It is possible, he states, to produce, in the open-hearth furnace, steel, or, as Herr Kollmann appears to prefer calling it, "ingot iron," which is completely homogeneous, possesses a tensile strength ranging from 28.57 tons down to 24.14 tons per square inch, and does not harden more than ordinary wrought iron. It is difficult to draw the line where hardening ceases, and even wrought iron will, to a certain degree, harden. Practical tests relating to this matter vary widely. Herr Kollmann has made some experiments with Bessemer metal, open-hearth steel and ordinary wrought iron, bars of which, 0.43 inch in diameter, he heated to strong cherry red and then hardened in water, kept at a temperature of 77 degrees. The mechanical tests made with the hardened and unhardened specimens yielded the following results:

Mechanical Test.	Mild Bessemer.		Open Hearth.		Wrought Iron.	
	Not hard.	Hard.	Not hard.	Hard.	Not hard.	Hard.
Elastic limit, tons.	24.13	26.98	18.03	19.17	16.25	17.27
Ten. strength, tons.	38.38	35.74	26.86	27.68	24.19	24.95
Elongation, per cent.	23.00	18.00	32.50	28.00	30.00	16.00
Contraction, per cent.	46.00	33.00	68.00	56.00	37.00	30.00

A comparison of the specimens not hardened will show that the open-hearth steel is by far the most homogeneous and the toughest, and that ordinary wrought iron is affected by hardening, the elastic limit and the tensile strength increasing somewhat, while elongation and contraction of area are decreased, in a measure very nearly approaching that observed with open-hearth steel, while the difference between the hardened and the not hardened product is more pronounced, so far as Bessemer steel is concerned. Herr Kollmann has found, by additional experiments, that open-hearth steel having a tensile strength above 29 tons per square inch will harden, and he appears inclined to draw the line between "ingot iron" and steel at or near this point. He holds that the physical properties of these materials are largely governed by their chemical composition, and compares open-hearth metal which may be readily welded, and having a tensile strength of about 26.50 tons per square inch, to mild Bessemer steel, which cannot be welded, and has a tensile strength of 33 tons per square inch. Analysis reveals the following differences:

	Op. H. Steel.	Bess. Steel.
Carbon	0.08 to 0.12	0.30 to 0.40
Silicon	trace to 0.01	0.10 to 0.40
Manganese	0.30 to 0.45	0.50 to 0.70
Sulphur	0.03	trace to 0.06
Phosphorus	0.07 to 0.11	0.07 to 0.12

Herr Kollmann has come to the conclusion, after a large number of comparative welding tests and analyses, that in ordinary wrought iron, Bessemer and open-hearth metal welding will be accomplished with greater facility by keeping silicon and manganese low, other conditions being equal. He is careful to state that, when referring to metal which is capable of being welded, he means one which will be equal in this respect to ordinary wrought iron when worked by an ordinary blacksmith without sand, borax, &c. He states that, so far as Bessemer steel is concerned, only one case has come under his observation in which this could be attained, and refers to the following analysis of this (a Swedish) steel as bearing him out in his conclusions in regard to the most favorable chemical composition: Carbon, 0.16 per cent.; silicon, 0.04 per cent., and manganese, trace. The same he believes, contrary to the opinion expressed by some eminent authorities, holds good for wrought iron also, and he points to some interesting experiments to sustain his position. At Gutehoffnungshütte they have been testing a method for dephosphorizing iron in the puddling furnace. The process consists in adding cinder as high as possible in lime and manganese. In many respects the results have been favorable. Forty per cent. of the phosphorus was eliminated, and the quality of the product, so far as the tensile strength, elongation and contraction of area were concerned, were improved. A drawback to the process, however, was that the wrought iron made retained more silicon than usual, and could not be welded as readily as appeared desirable. We may add that it is thought that the use of more elevated temperatures is expected to remedy this evil. Phosphorus is claimed to improve the welding of iron, while manganese, if present in quantities exceeding 0.4 per cent. and more than 0.05 per cent. of sulphur, appears to affect it seriously. Carbon, as long as it remains below 0.20 per cent., does not injure the welding power of the metal.

Seven welding tests were made with every charge of the open-hearth furnace at Gutehoffnungshütte, the result being such as to establish the quality of the product in this respect. The following may be cited as an instance:

	Tens. Str.	Elong. Contr.
Rod not welded	34.43	28.5% 63%
Welded together (butting)	30.73	14.5% 25.4%
Rupture did not take place at the weld.		

Herr Kollmann gives a number of details on the manufacture of this product which will be of interest to American steel makers. He states that the gas flue is frequently, in modern practice, placed above ground, and sometimes the cooling apparatus is omitted, the gas being taken to the furnace by a short canal. It is said that much success has attended the efforts made at the Arthöfer works at Annen, near Witten, Germany, to replace the Siemens furnace by the cheaper Bicheroux system. For making steel possessing a tensile strength of 28.5 tons, a contraction of area of 65 per cent. and an elongation of 33 per cent., the following materials are used at Gutehoffnungshütte:

	Lbs.
Oberhausen Bessemer pig	882
Bessemer ingot scrap	6,614
Bessemer sheet scrap	2,205
Best sheet iron scrap	1,393
Total	11,094

A final addition of 1 to 3 per cent. of ferromanganese, holding 60 per cent. of manganese, is made. It would not be possible to produce the necessary quality of mild and weldable steel by the use of spiegel. All the materials are added simultaneously with the exception of the sheet iron scrap, which is put in gradually as may be required. The following analyses will convey an idea as to the nature of the materials used:

	Bessemer Pig.	Ingot Scrap.	Sheet Steel.	Sheet Iron.
Carbon	4.05	0.19 to 0.33	0.16 to 0.20	tr. to 0.03
Silicon	1.95 to 2.50	0.10 to 0.40	0.10 to 0.20	trace
Mang.	2.50 to 3.50	0.50 to 0.80	0.50 to 0.70	0.50 to 0.70
Phos.	0.05 to 0.08	0.10 to 0.08	0.05 to 0.08	0.02
Sulph.	0.03 to 0.05	trace	trace	trace
Copper	0.03 to 0.05	trace	trace	trace

The following are two analyses of the ferromanganese used:

	I.	II.
Carbon	4.05	4.73
Silicon	0.14	0.17
Phosphorus	0.20	0.20
Sulphur	0.02	tr.
Copper	0.02	tr.
Manganese	60.00	45.00

If nothing were eliminated during the process, the bath of metal would contain:

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in order to make the product capable of being welded. This is done by adding about 600 pounds of rich Mokta ore and stirring thoroughly. The result is that the metal contains the following:

When this stage is reached, it becomes necessary to eliminate the silicon completely, in order to make the product capable of being welded. This is done by adding about 600 pounds of rich Mokta or other stirring thoroughly. The result is that the metal contains the following:

Carbon.....	0.113	Sulphur.....	trace
Silicon.....	0.002	Copper.....	trace
Phosphorus.....	0.091	Manganese.....	0.83

When cast, however, the steel is found to contain :

The 154 pounds of 70 per cent. ferromanganese are added, which, if there was no loss, would produce metal holding:

Therefore, 0.38 per cent. of manganese enters the cinder during casting. It is on account of this facility in entering the cinder as the part of manganese, that after thoroughly mixing it with the metal the latter

When cast, however, the steel is found to contain:

	Carbon	Sulphur	Manganese	Copper
Carbon	0.08 to 0.12	0.02	0.02	0.02
Silicon	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Phosphorus	0.09	0.02	0.02	0.02

manganese must be added, thus eventually rendering the steel harder. It is not possible, on a large scale, to make steel quite free from manganese, and thus to produce even milder quality.

The production at Gutehoffnungshütte is 2 to 3 five-ton charge per 24 hours, the furnace outlasting 30 to 120 charges, according to its construction and the quality of the refractory materials used. The waste varies from 3 to 8 per cent., according to the raw materials used. The consumption of fuel foots up to 40 to 70 per cent. by weight of the production.

THE OPEN-HEARTH PLANT AT SPRINGFIELD.

It will be remembered by the readers of *The Iron Age*, that the combined Krupp washing and Pernot open-hearth steel process was adopted some time since at Springfield, Ill. The plant, which has been put with every labor-saving device which modern metallurgical engineering could devise, has now been in operation for some time, and the results thus far obtained certainly encourage the expectation of the managers of the works that one of the two 15-ton Pernot furnaces will be capable of turning out in 24 hours 100 tons of steel. With cold pig and cold scrap, 24,000-pound heats have been made in four hours, and 40,000-pound heats in eight hours. The only difficulty experienced with the furnace so far is the rapid wear of the side lining of the hearth. In 17 hours from the tapping out of the charge the hearth has been run out, its lining entirely replaced and again run in under the roof, a part of which had meanwhile been renewed.

Pneumatic Clocks in Cities.

The latest Parisian novelty is the introduction of arrangements for obtaining exactly uniform time through every part of the city. Passing along the Boulevards, you see, at brief distances from each other, huge clocks planted in the center of the street, facing in four directions, and brilliantly lit up, after sunset, with gas. These boulevard "horologes" are specimen avant couriers of a new system of pneumatic clocks which are rapidly finding their way into the public offices, the stores, the banks and mercantile offices, and the hotels and private dwellings of Paris.

The clocks are worked from a common center, and give the same identical time in all parts of the city, being regulated from the Public Observatory. To supply the whole of Paris, three or four central clocks are required, designated "Directing Normal Clocks." These are placed at convenient centers and connect with the ordinary "Reception Clocks" of their system or district. Each of these central clocks is connected with a system of pipes, including, first, those running through principal streets; next, those branching therefrom into the minor streets; next, those running from the streets into the buildings; and, finally, smaller ones running as required in the interior of the buildings.

The central clocks are provided with a small engine, worked by steam or gas, which every minute sends a pulsation of compressed air through the entire system of pipes and acts upon every clock in the circuit, advancing the hands on the dial of the clock by one minute. The clocks are of the simplest construction possible. They cost but a trifle, and the company either furnish them free of charge, got up in a variety of handsome designs, or place their own works in clocks already owned by those who desire the service. The pipe attachments are got up in good taste, and their introduction into buildings involves no more inconvenience or disfigurement than does that of an ordinary telegraph wire, being of about the same caliber. In order to convey a more exact idea of the apparatus, the following is translated from the prospectus of the Paris Company:

THE DIRECTING NORMAL CLOCK.

The Clock Proper.—It is through this clock that the working of all the others located in the street-piped district is effected. It is divided into two parts, working distinctly. First, a clockwork similar to all good pendulum and fly regulators; and secondly, a special movement for the opening and shutting of a balanced draw valve, the functions of which will be stated hereafter. These two distinct works are, however, connected in such a way that that of the draw-valve works only when the clockwork allows it; this special movement, which is produced by a clank motion, has for its purpose to send every minute through the street-piped district, and by the means of the draw valve, the necessary volume of air for the normal going of all clocks situated in the worked district.

Distributing Draw Valve.—This apparatus, ingeniously balanced in such a way that the pressure only acts on a very small portion of its surface, is inclosed in a valve box, fixed upon a glass provided with three apertures. The first of these apertures, always opened, keeps a constant communication between the valve-box and the distributing reservoir; it is, therefore, as an extension of this reservoir, and is, as the latter, always under constant pressure. The second aperture keeps in communication the valve-box with the street pipes, which open into the atmosphere through the third aperture. The draw-valve is never allowed to cover the first aperture, but covers the two latter ones when in its normal state. It follows that at the sixtieth second of each minute the clank work forces the draw-valve to open the second aperture, and therefore to send the pressure into the street pipes; at the end of a certain number of seconds, which is determined by experiment, and which varies between 10 and 15, according to the length of the pipes, the draw-valve is brought back to its former position, covers the two latter apertures, and sets free at its starting point all the pressure which has been sent into the pipes. This operation is thus renewed every minute.

Transmission of the Pressure by Hand.—The draw-valve apparatus is surmounted with three three-valve cocks, two of which connect with this apparatus at the outset and inset of the compressed air, and the third one keeps the two others connected. This device permits the use of the hand in the working of the directing clocks in case

the normal and reserve clock should happen to need repairs—that is to say, that by opening and shutting the middle three-valve cock every minute the effect would be the same as that produced by the draw valve.

Winding of the Normal Clock.—The directing normal clock winds itself automatically, so as that the motive weights are brought up every minute by the same distance they went down for the working of the clock hands and of the clockwork. This winding up of the two movements of the clock is operated by means of the pressure, which is let out by the draw-valve every minute, and which pressure is transmitted into cylinders, whose pistons are thus lifted, transmitting their motion to the weights through a set of levers and gear-work. It follows that the Normal clock needs not to be touched, except for the oiling of the pivots.

RECEPTION CLOCKS.

The works of the reception clocks (minute indicating clocks) are constructed as simply as possible. Besides the ordinary minute wheels, they are furnished with a 60-tooth wheel, worked by a catch attached to a lever, which is put in motion by a leather bellows; a bar articulated with this lever rests upon this bellows. Another stopping catch prevents the wheel from turning backward when the motion has been produced. When at every minute the pressure is sent into the street-piped district, the bellows of every clock inflates, making the wheel advance by one tooth, and therefore the clock-hand by one minute. A stopping catch, adjusted to the clock-work plate, prevents the lever from pushing the wheel more than one tooth.

The compressed air, which takes but a few seconds to reach the end of the district through which all the pipes are located, causes thus all the hands of the clocks in that district to advance by one tooth, i. e., one minute.

Control at the Central Office.—All the apparatus and manometers are provided with electric touches in such a way that all irregular working, all increase or decrease in the pressure would be at once signalled by an electric bell pointing out where the working is defective. Besides, one of the engineers of the company is kept on the watch day and night in the central office.

The rapidity with which the use of the pneumatic clock is extending in Paris indicates that it will become the generally accepted clock of that city. The privilege of using the clock costs a merely nominal sum for each dial, little or no more than the wear and tear of an ordinary clock; and where a number are required, as in the case of hotels, public buildings, &c., a reduction is made from the standard charge. And yet, so economical is the working of the system, that the company is realizing immense profits.

The system has also been established on a large scale in Vienna, where it appears to have proved as great a financial success as in Paris. A London banker recently bought the rights from the Paris company to use the patent in England, paying for it \$250,000. The patent is also in process of introduction in Brussels, Rotterdam, Amsterdam and in cities in Italy and Spain; so that it bids fair to be generally adopted in the large cities of the world. We learn that New York is also to have an early opportunity of witnessing its application.

Iron Mills Closed.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 1.—The iron mills of Western Pennsylvania are generally closed to-day. There are about 850 boiling furnaces, and the 150 in this immediate vicinity went out and the lockout began this morning. The agreement between masters and men expired June 1, and the failure of the former to concede to the advance demanded for puddling caused the shut down. The total number of laborers thus thrown out of employment, including miners, will not fall far short of 25,000. Only one mill in this city has signed the scale proposed by the Amalgamated Iron Association. Elsewhere in this district there have signed Brown, Bonnell & Co., of Youngstown, Ohio; Beaver Falls Rolling Mill Company, Beaver Falls; Bradley, Reis & Co., and the Shenango Iron Company, of Newcastle, Pa., and the United States Tin Plate Company, of McKeesport, Pa.—*New York Herald*.

Railroad Accidents in England During 1879.—Although Americans are very frequently accused abroad of being reckless in running their railways, it appears that accidents to trains, permanent way, &c., are far more fatal to life and limb in England than in this country. In 1879 no less than 1032 persons were killed and 3513 were injured on the railways of Great Britain, while in this country, according to the records kept by the *Railroad Gazette*, 180 persons were killed and 644 were injured from May, 1879, to the close of April, 1880—a showing which is, it will be acknowledged, highly favorable to American railroad managers. It may be of interest to give the data concerning the accidents due to failures of rolling stock and permanent way. Of the failures in tires, 63 were engine tires, 37 tender tires, 11 carriage tires, 28 van tires, and 1088 were wagon tires, of which 888 were tires of wagons belonging to owners other than the railway companies. Of the 1227 tires which thus failed, 933 were made of iron and 262 of steel, while the material of 32 was not stated. Of the 496 axles which failed, 272 were engine axles, viz., 243 crank, or driving, and 24 leading, or trailing; 23 were tender axles, 3 carriage axles, 190 wagon axles and 8 axles of salt vans; 76 wagons belonged to owners other than the railway companies. Of the 248 crank, or driving, axles, 180 were made of iron and 68 of steel. The average mileage of 163 iron axles was 183,992 miles, and of 63 steel axles, 157,824 miles. Of the 1541 rails which broke, 1363 were double headed, 130 were single headed, 32 were of the bridge pattern and 15 were of Vignoles' section, while the section of one was not stated. Of the double-headed rails, 849 had been turned; 1225 rails were made of iron and 316 of steel.

At the meeting of the American Railway Master Mechanics' Association the conclu-

sion was reached, after some discussion, that a wood fire, and not coal, should be used for annealing steel sheets after flanging.

Government Purchases of Four and a Half Per Cent. Bonds.—The Secretary of the Treasury has issued the following letter:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, May 26, 1880.

General Thomas Hillhouse, Assistant Treasurer, New York.—Sir: I am not satisfied with the prices that the department has been compelled to pay for the bonds recently purchased, and am disposed to extend the call for bids to the four and four and a half, which at market rates will pay the government a better interest. I have no fear but that Congress will provide means for the payment of the bonds as they mature, and am quite sure that the hope of the holders of bonds, that they will run longer than maturity, is unfounded. You will, therefore, please give notice that next Wednesday, and every Wednesday thereafter until further notice, the department will receive bids for the 4 and 4 1/2 per cent. bonds of the United States, as well as for those of the description heretofore purchased.

Very respectfully,
JOHN SHERMAN, Secretary.

Exports and Imports.—The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, in his tenth monthly statement for the current fiscal year of the imports and exports of the United States, states that the excess of imports or of exports of merchandise stated in special values was as follows: Month ended April 30, 1880 (excess of imports), \$3,850,648; month ended April 30, 1879 (excess of exports), \$12,205,761; 10 months ended April 30, 1880 (excess of exports), \$155,241,872; 10 months ended April 30, 1879 (excess of exports), \$241,477,822; 12 months ended April 30, 1880 (excess of exports), \$178,425,716; 12 months ended April 30, 1879 (excess of exports), \$272,269,969. The excess of imports or of exports of gold and silver coin and bullion was as follows: Month ended April 30, 1880 (excess of imports), \$725,643; month ended April 30, 1879 (excess of imports), \$2,452,655; 10 months ended April 30, 1880 (excess of imports), \$76,296,825; 10 months ended April 30, 1879 (excess of exports), \$2,356,560; 12 months ended April 30, 1880 (excess of imports), \$73,951,944; 12 months ended April 30, 1879 (excess of exports) \$5,270,647.

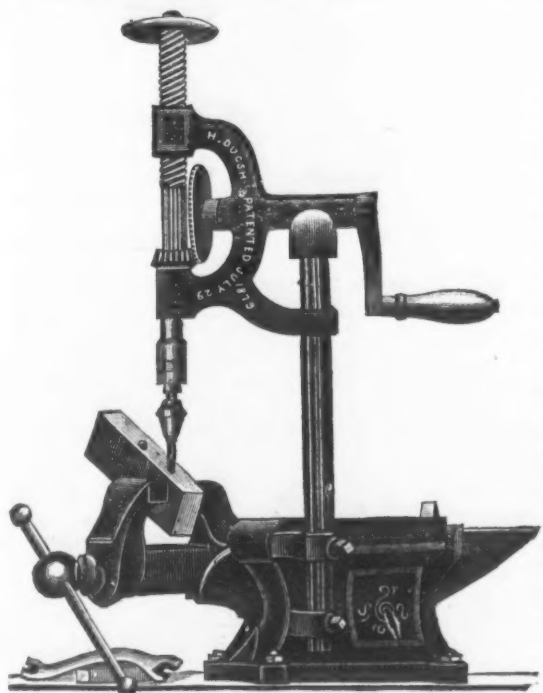
The St. Gothard Tunnel.—A Geneva dispatch says: "A difficulty has supervened in the construction of the St. Gothard Tunnel which threatens seriously to retard its completion. In the part of it where the formation is of porous white stone, the vaulting has already given way two or three times, and it has required the greatest care and constant staying with timber to prevent the passage there from completely collapsing. It was thought, however, that a granite wall 6 feet thick would support the superincumbent mass of white stone and keep the tunnel permanently open. A wall of this thickness has just been finished, but it has begun to give way, and the engineers are at their wits' end how to overcome the difficulty. In the opinion of the geologist of the tunnel, it can be overcome only by making a wide curve, so as to get round the white stone instead of going through it. This would involve the entire reconstruction of that part of the tunnel, in which case, probably, it will not be ready for traffic before the time fixed for the completion of the lines of approach, two years hence.

A small screw steamer called the Anthracite left the Thames for Falmouth on the 20th ult., en route to America. She is the smallest steamer that has ever undertaken this voyage on her own unaided resources. The voyage is for the purpose of testing the Perkins system of tubular boilers, which are charged with fresh distilled water, a small quantity only being required, and this after being condensed into steam and used in the engine is condensed and reused. The preliminary run was made on Wednesday. Many scientific and prominent gentlemen were on board. The trip was from Erith to Chapman Light and back, a distance of 46 miles. The steam pressure throughout was maintained at an average of 350 pounds to the square inch, half throttled revolutions 132 per minute. The engines worked most satisfactorily. With the tide adverse both ways the speed averaged eight knots an hour. The trip promised well for the result of the Atlantic voyage. If successful, the experiment will inaugurate a new era in marine engineering in regard to economy of fuel. She is furnished with Perkins boilers, engines of high pressure and compound surface and also condensing engines. Her gross tonnage is 69.30, her registered tonnage 27.09. Her length is 84 feet, her beam 16 ft 10 in and her depth 10 ft 10 in.

An insulated wire was excavated at High Bridge, Harlem River, on Tuesday by some workmen. It was several feet below the surface and has been the subject of much conjecture and a number of theories. The facts in the case are these: In 1849 when the Bain telegraph line from this city to Boston was building, the authorities refused to allow the wire to be fastened to the Harlem Bridge, on the ground that it might attract the lightning and be the cause of an accident to the bridge. In that emergency Charles T. Smith, who was building the line and who is now connected with the Western Union Telegraph Company in New York, laid in the Harlem River the cable a part of which has just been discovered.

The Cleveland ironmaster's Statistics for April show a net decrease in stock of 13,623 tons, the total quantity held being 243,855 tons. Makers' stocks increased 12,943 tons, but this was counterbalanced by a decrease of 21,077 tons in the public warrant stores, and of 5494 tons in makers' private stores. The output of iron was 201,619 tons, or 3246 tons less than in March. Of this 162,226 tons were made from Cleveland ores. There are now 89 furnaces making Cleveland iron, and 22 making other kinds of pig iron. The exports of pig iron amounted to 88,018 tons, or 22,700 tons more than in April, 1879. Of this 61,414 tons were sent abroad—22,510 tons more than in 1879.

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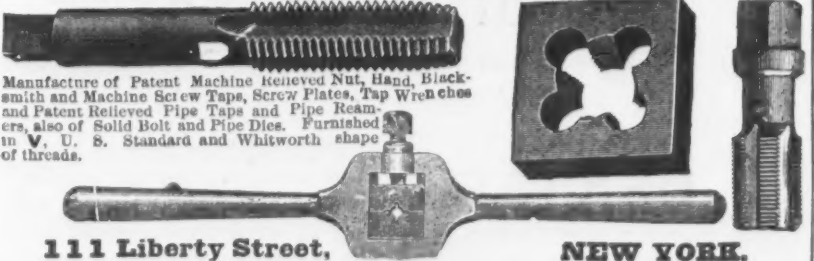
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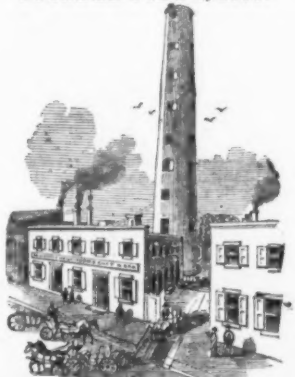


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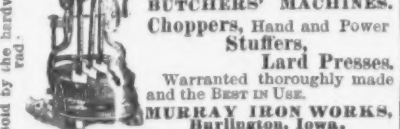
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The art of applying colors and designs to tin plate and to tin goods has been brought to a high state of perfection in England, both in point of decoration and in respect of workmanship. The accompanying engravings represent designs recently brought out by the Tin Plate Decorating Company, of Neath, South Wales. This company, it is said, make a specialty of small boxes, used for such purposes as the packing of small nails and tacks, tooth powders, cosmetics, &c., all of which are handsomely decorated. A class of designs upon which special stress is put at the present time are termed fern patterns, an example of which is shown in Fig. 1. One of their applications is to waiters or trays, which are made either circular or oval in shape. The patterns are laid on of different colors and enlivened by the process of crystallization, which adds much to the general appearance.

Decorated tea trays and japanned boxes form one of the staple lines of English industry. When it had its origin it is hard to say, but it can be traced in various forms



Decorated Tin Plate.—Fig. 1.—Fern Design for Waiter.

for more than a hundred years. The records show that the manufacture of tin plates was well established in Germany at least as early as 1600. Germany has the honor of inventing the tin-coated iron plate now known as tin plate. At the date we have named these plates were extensively imported into England, where they were largely used in manufacturing. How early the art of varnishing and decorating them was introduced we do not know. Probably in the early days of the trade only the cheapest wares were made, and the japanned goods were of a class only suitable for the cheapest markets. One of the earliest manufacturers who turned out any good work was John Baskerville, who was afterward the famous printer. He began life as a writing master, and having not only great business ability, but excellent taste, took up the business of japanning with great success. He introduced immense improvements into the designs used and greatly elevated the art department of the work. Until the time of the World's Fair in 1851 there was, however, great need for improvement, and it would almost seem that the character of the work had gone backward instead of advancing during the previous hundred years. With the revival of art and artistic taste came a great change in the character of English japanned work, especially that which received hand decoration. Many of the first English artists began their careers as painters upon tinware for the japanners. The result of this is that not only are these goods excellent in wearing quality, but they can be obtained most beautifully decorated.

Within a few years the English trade papers, and especially the *Ironmonger*, have recorded great progress in the decoration of the commonest kinds of goods. The accompanying illustrations show some of the goods. The design shown in Fig. 1 is very



Decorated Tin Plate.—Fig. 2.—Oval Design for Waiter.

neat, and if properly treated, would be very beautiful and worthy of a better place than the surface of a tea tray. The oval design for a waiter shown in Fig. 2 would, if colored, as many of these goods are, be equally beautiful and very appropriate for the purpose to which it is put. Fig. 3 shows a design for a circular waiter, somewhat Moorish in its suggestion, which is very rich. Simple designs like these are not the only ones which are given to goods of this class. "Hand-painted" landscapes and figure pieces are common, and when the artist is an expert, as is very commonly the case, the results are very beautiful. In hand decoration the English excel. Their art schools and the excellent training which their scholars receive, and the great numbers which are turned out each year, enable the manufacturer to secure skilled artistic hands capable of carrying out the designs of the artist in a satisfactory manner. Such work brings high prices, and there is ample margin not only for the manufacturers, but for the artist as well.

The English hand-painted tiles are good examples of what can be done in this direction. The design is printed in outline, with now and then a little shading added.

The tiles thus printed are then handed over to the artist, who then adds color and such fine touches as are needed to transform the tile into a work of art instead of a simple print. The work thus turned out costs in actual manual labor only a small fraction more than the commonest coat of clay tile; yet the prices obtained are something astonishing to an American who is not accustomed to work of this class, and who only looks at the quantity of labor expended, and not upon its quality.

Something of the same principles are applied in the decoration of the highest grades of japanned tinware. The artist has an opportunity to expend his labor to the best advantage. His work will last. A painting upon tin, if carefully done and well finished and baked, is one of the most durable things that can well be imagined far surpassing, in that respect, oil paintings upon canvas.

It appears strange that some of the large works which are engaged in marblizing slate do not apply the same process to the decoration of sheet iron. Many of these establishments are accustomed to putting highly-finished oil paintings upon stone, and protecting them by their usual finishing processes of varnishing and baking. The results obtained in this way are very beautiful, and there is no difficulty in treating iron in the same way. Probably the tin itself on tin plate would hardly endure the very high heat of the baking furnaces.

The English trays vary in thickness between Nos. 24 and 29 American wire gauge. In size they are made from 12 to 30 inches, and "waiters," as they are called, from 6 to 20 inches. The prices for the latter vary from 25 or 30 cents a dozen upward. Trays usually range from \$2.25 upward. The cheaper kinds have an extensive sale in South America, Spain, Russia and Norway. Decorations are carefully suited to the tastes of the countries where the goods are sent. This is a point of no little importance, since the patterns that would command the market in Russia would be utterly unsalable in the north of Europe. Within a few years a very considerable trade has been opened with Japan, and decorated "japanned" trays, and the like, are sent in considerable quantities to Japan itself. This may seem like sending coals to Newcastle, but in this case the cheapness of the goods sells them—the real Japanese work being exported. In this trade Japanese designs are closely followed, it is said, and the English imitations are praised by the natives.

The production of these goods is almost beyond estimation. We have no recent statistics at hand, but from the rate of increase in the years for which we have fig-



Decorated Tin Plate.—Fig. 3.—Design for Waiter.

ures, we judge that the trade must double itself within a comparatively short time.

Although decorating is carried on to a considerable extent in this country, and grocers' canisters, coal hods, coolers and similar articles are covered with transfer ornament, we do not call to mind any lines of fine stamped goods which are decorated in a really first-class manner. Possibly this is because higher-priced goods of a different character take their place, and there is, consequently, no inquiry for them. It seems certain, however, that if our stamping companies took up this branch of work a new and extensive trade might be built up which would yield very large profits.

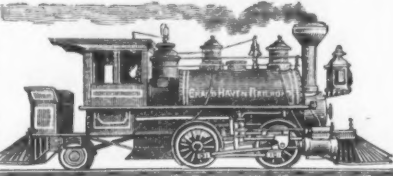
An Overworked People.

Among other things said by William Walter Phelps, at a meeting of physicians and surgeons not long since, the following will bear reading more than once:

We are a nation without contentment without rest, without happiness. In a feverish race we pass from the cradle to the grave—successful men, to whom life is a failure. Our boys leave the university when English boys leave their school. Our merchants leave their trade, retiring to some more dignified or honorable work, as they believe it, at an age when the German merchant first feels the master of his trade. We are always anticipating the future, forcing the task of a whole life into part. Worse, we are not content with doing a year's work in a month in our calling, but we must do enough in all other callings to win distinction there. In other lands it is enough to be a lawyer, physician, clergyman, merchant. Here we are nobodies unless we fill the sphere of all human occupations. One must be a statesman and know political science as if already in office. He must be an orator, and ready to persuade and instruct, a wit to shine at the dinner table, a literature, a critic! There is too much human nature in man for this to mean anything except a discontented life and a premature death. And the remedy? Correct public opinion. We must honor the man who faithfully does his task, whatever it is. Not the task, but the faithfulness with which it is done, must be the measure of the honor. The men will be content with their father's trade. This will give us that family association which is a sure pledge of good conduct and patriotic love. This will give us, too, that traditional aptitude which alone gives great mechanical excellence. It will not be a bad time for American manufactures when we find stamped on them what Mr. Griffs finds on Japanese bronzes. Done by the ninth bronzer in this family! Then men will

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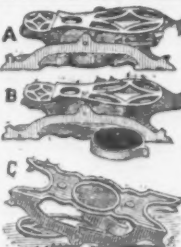
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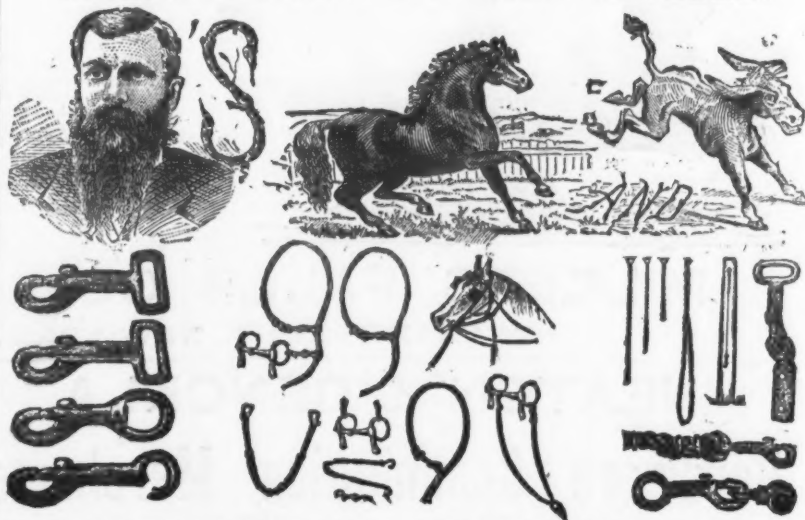
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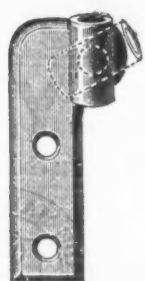
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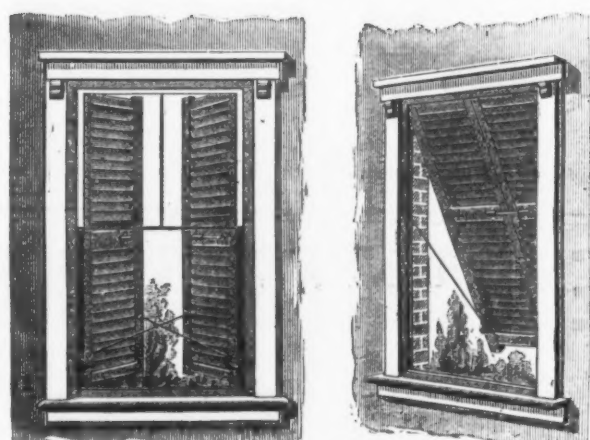


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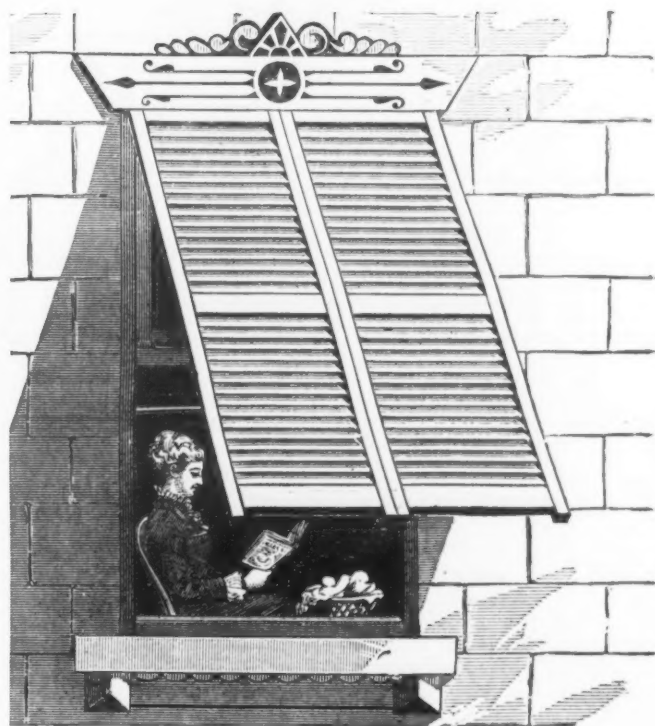


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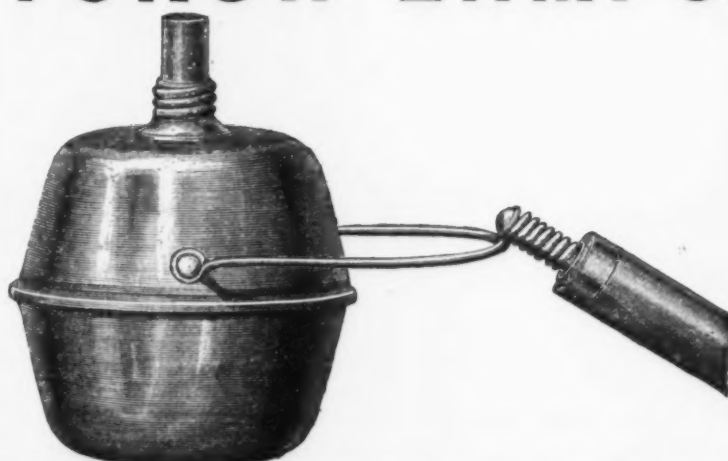
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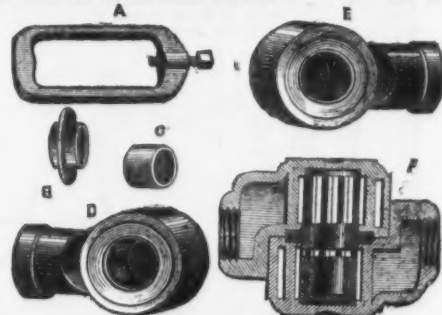
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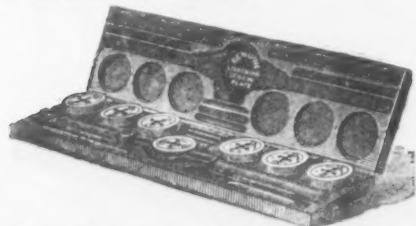
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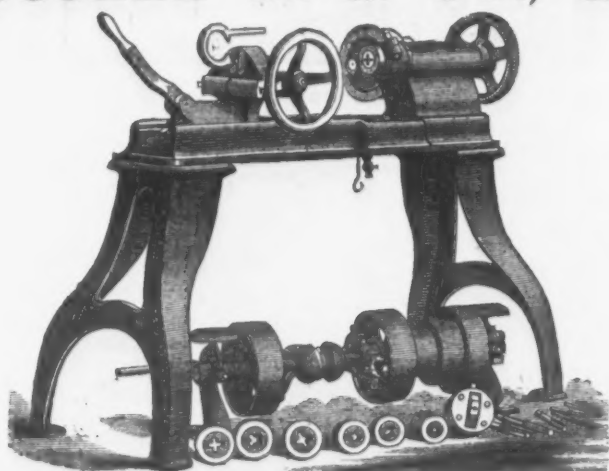
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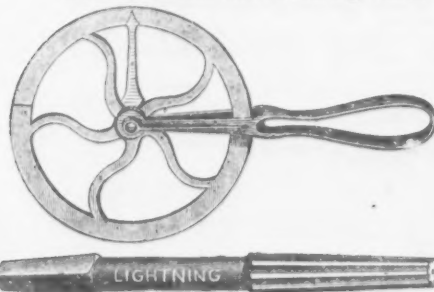
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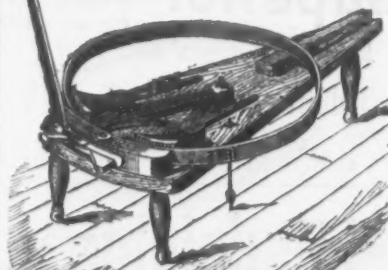


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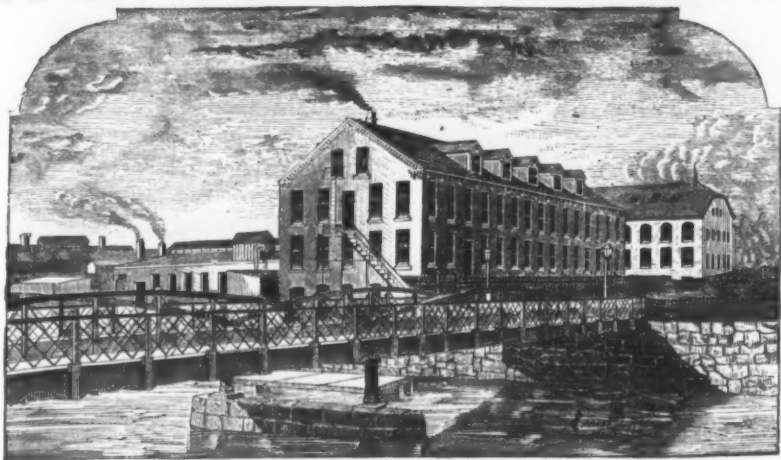
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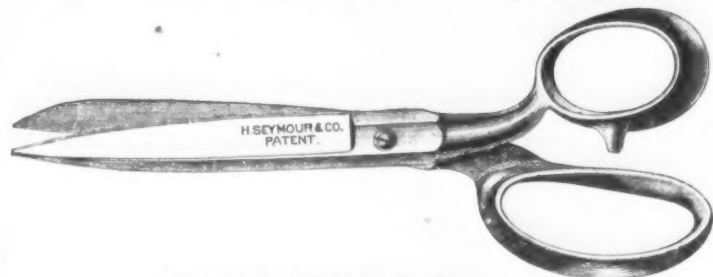
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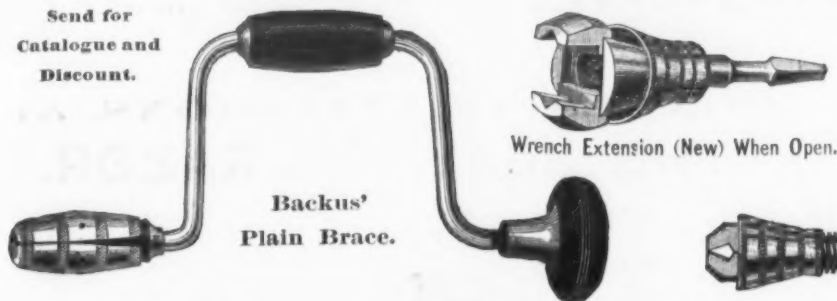


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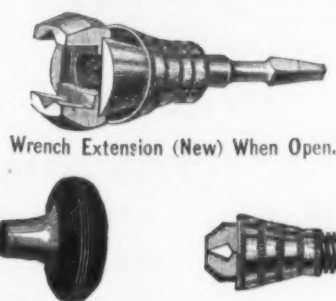


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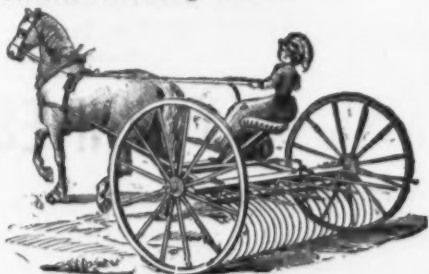
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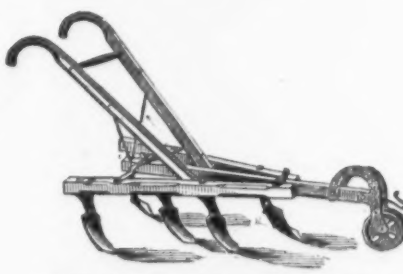
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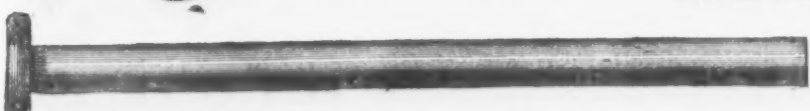
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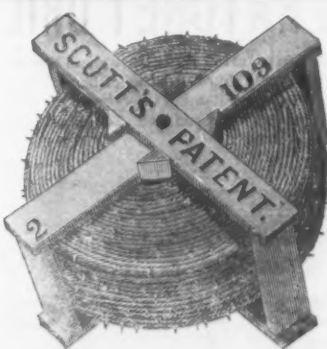


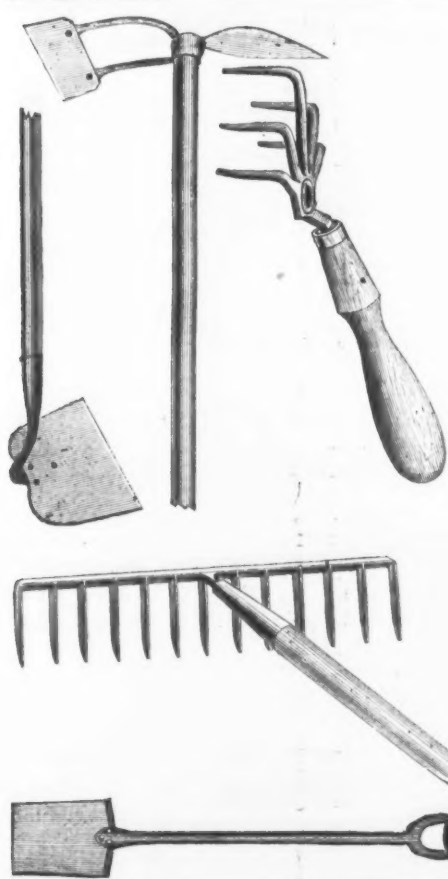
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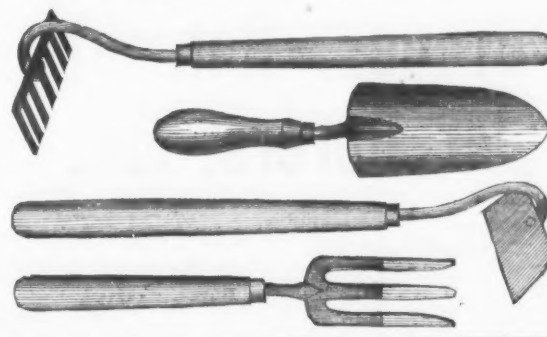
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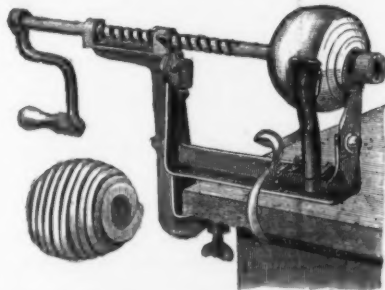


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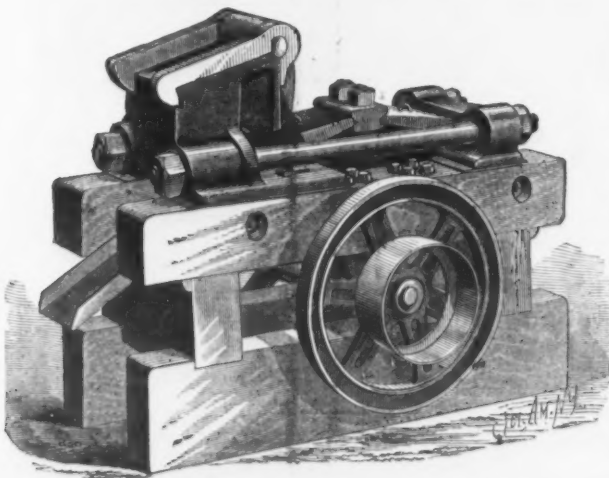
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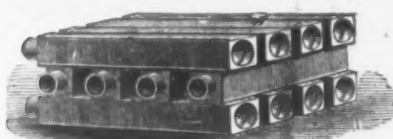
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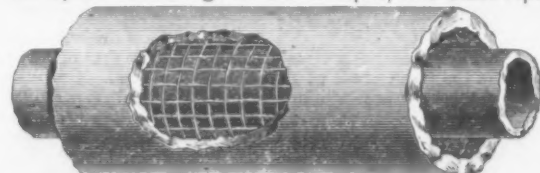


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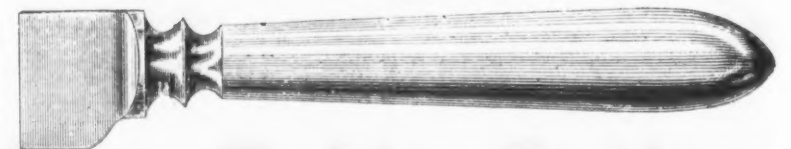
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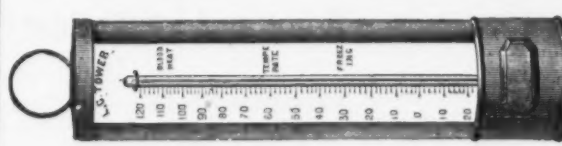
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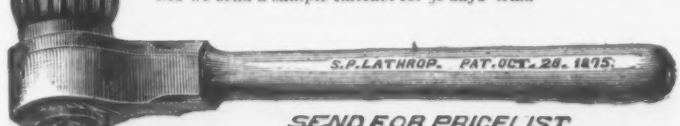
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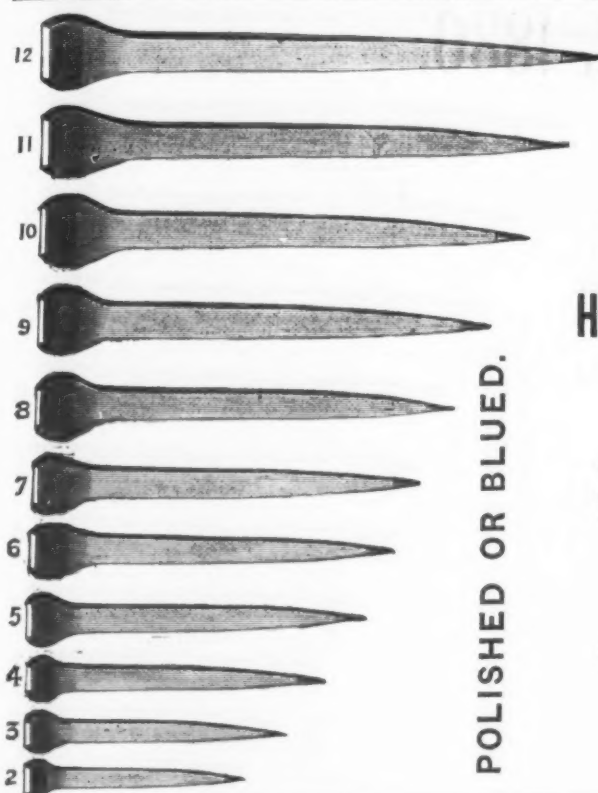
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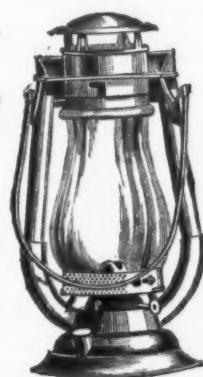


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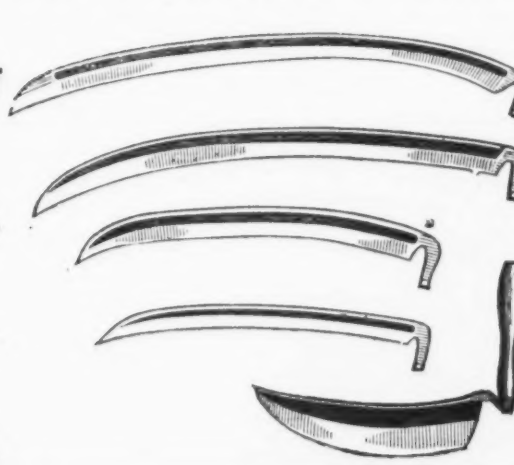
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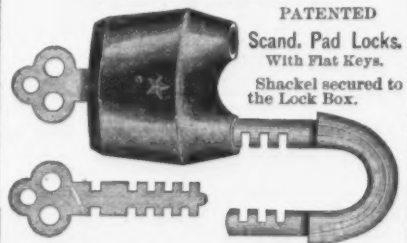
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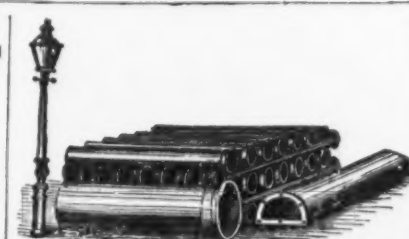
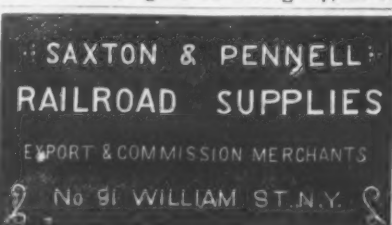
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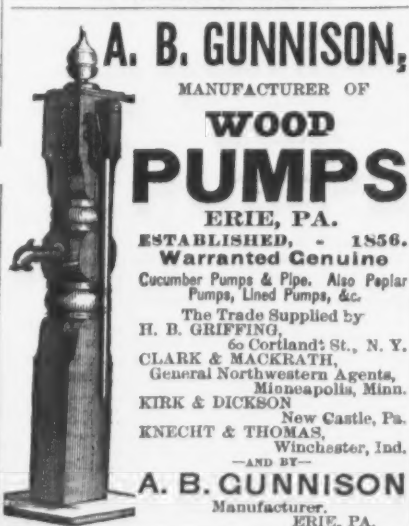
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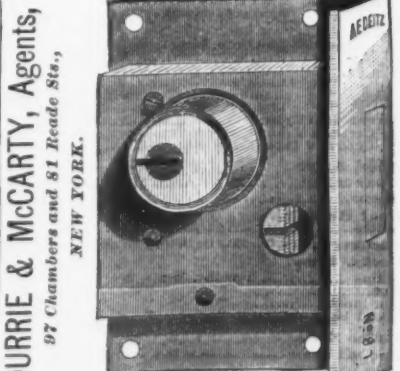
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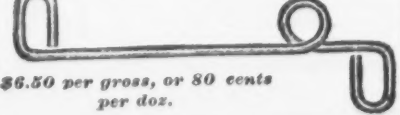
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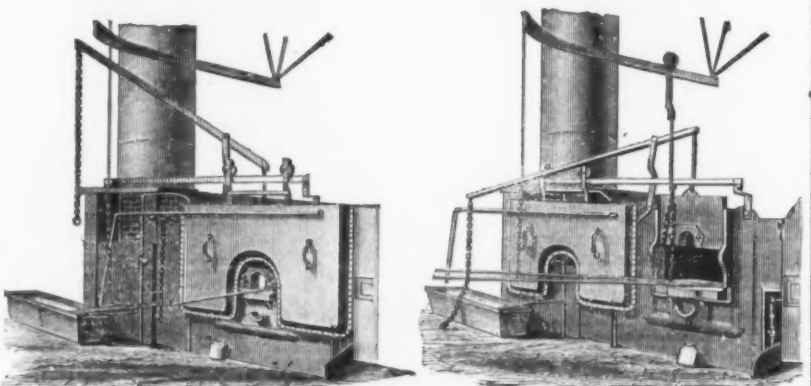
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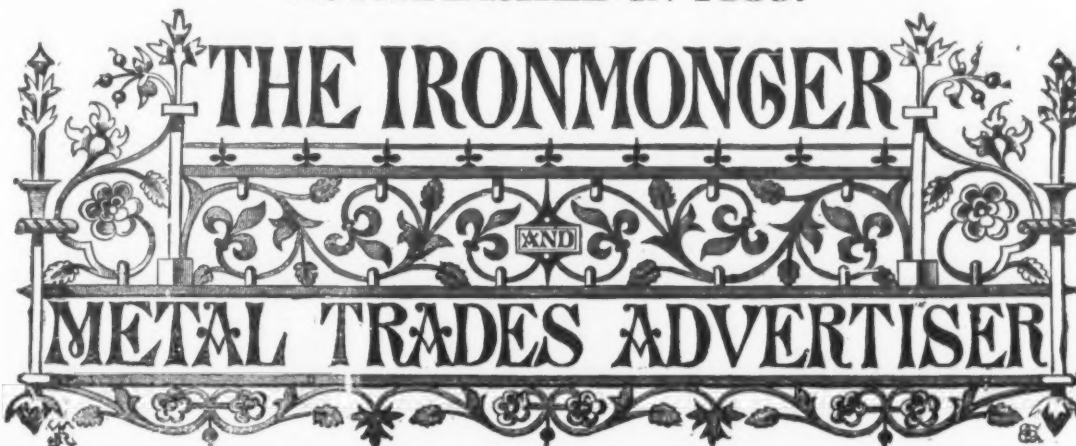
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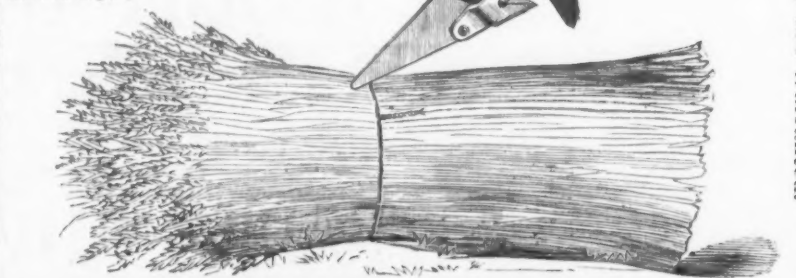
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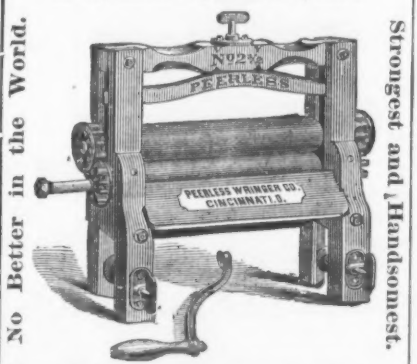
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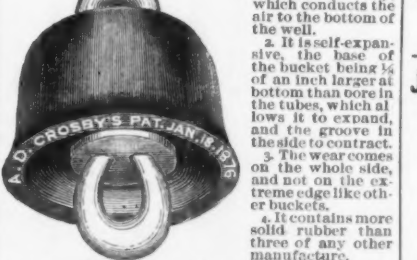


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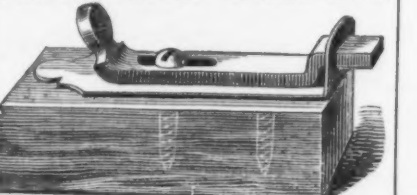
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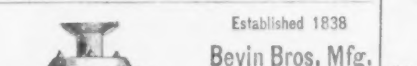
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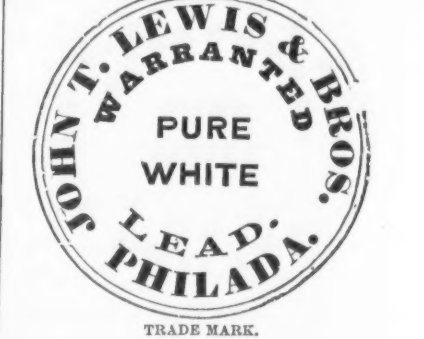
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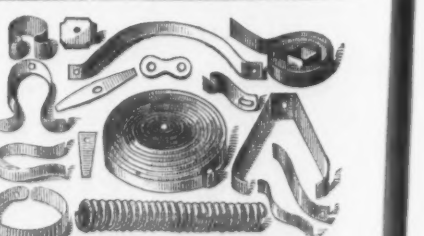
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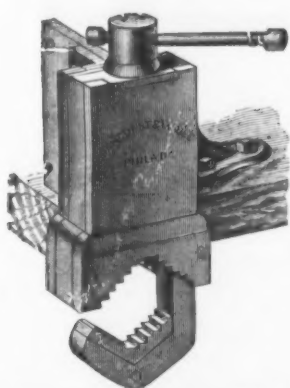
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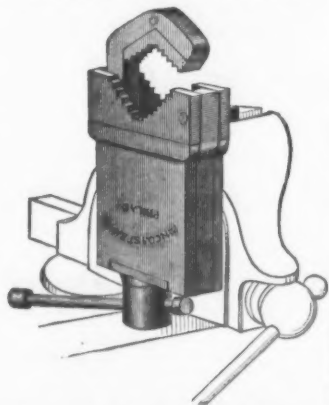
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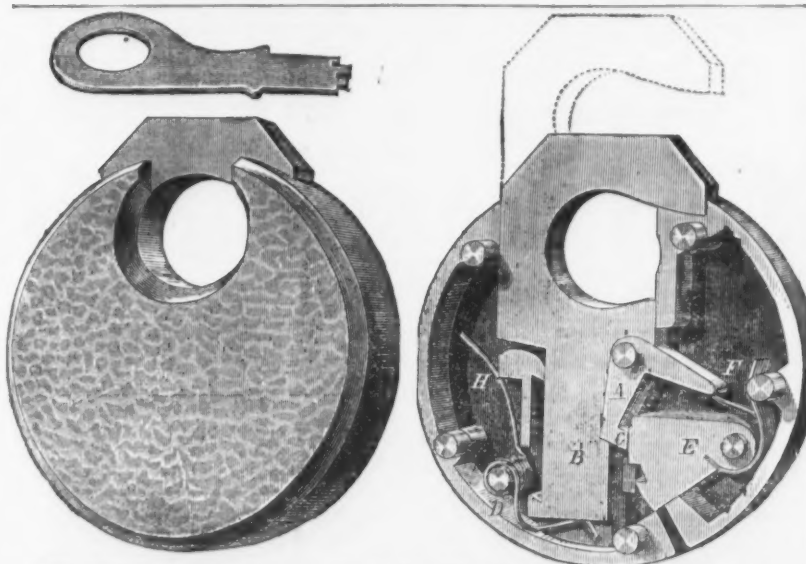
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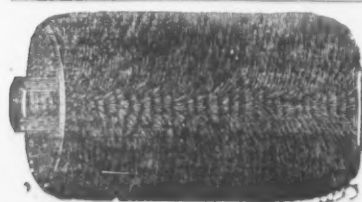
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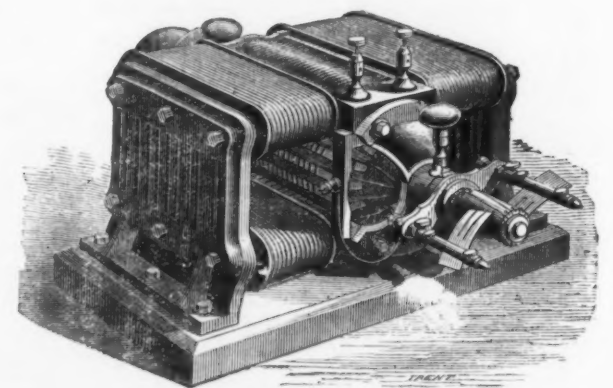
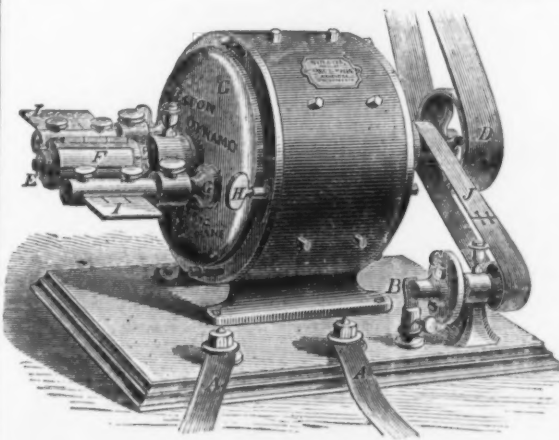
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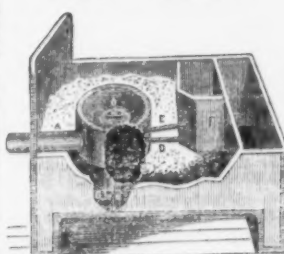
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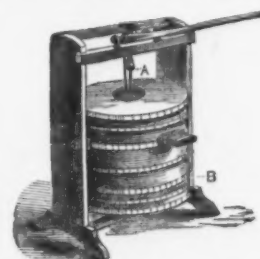
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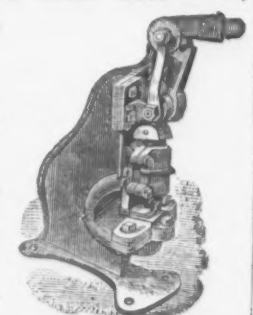
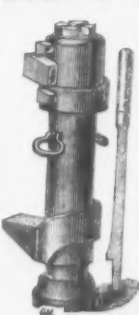
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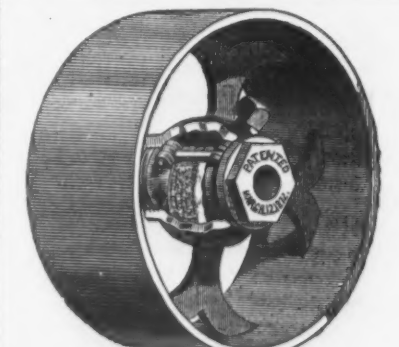
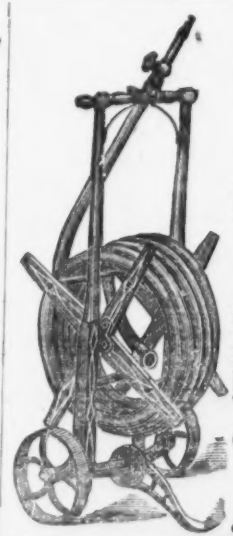
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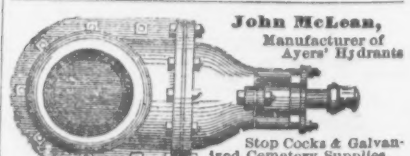
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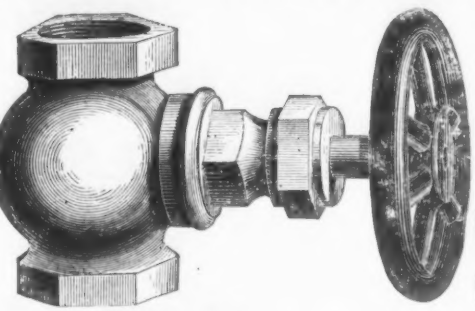
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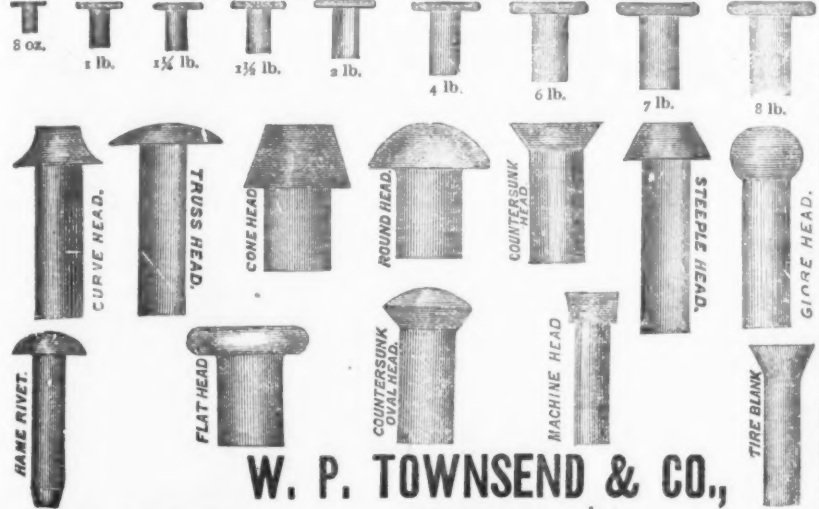
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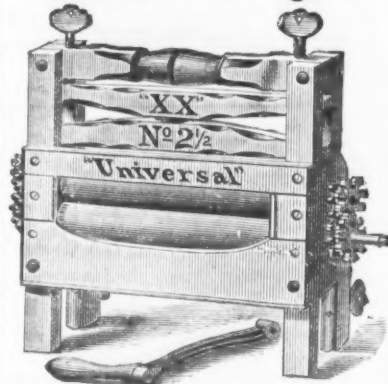
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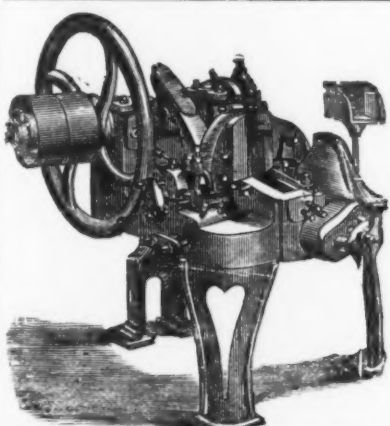
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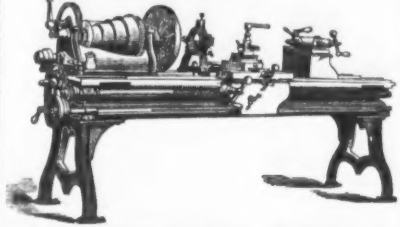
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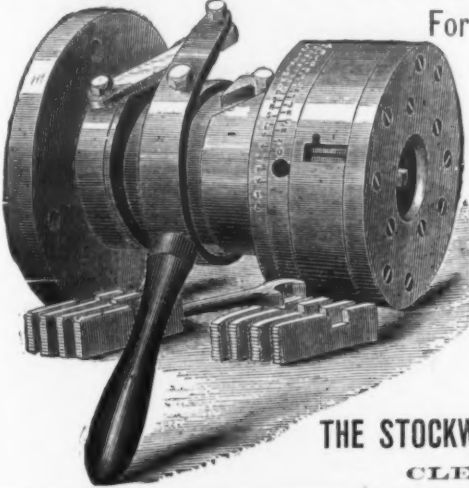
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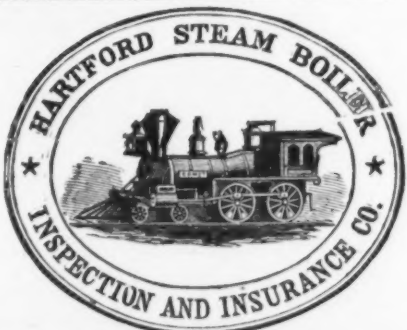
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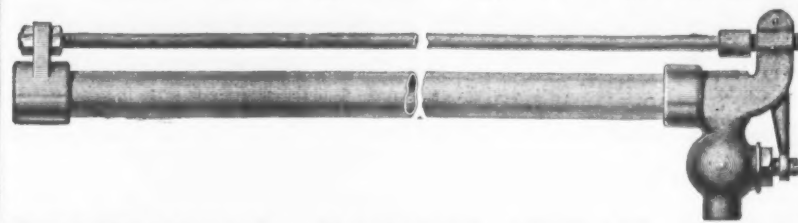
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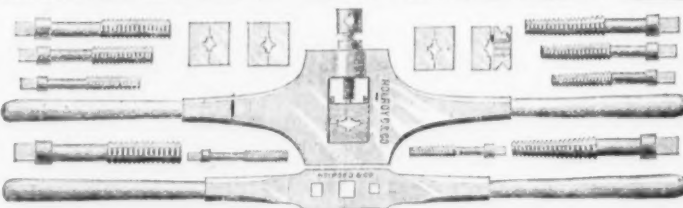
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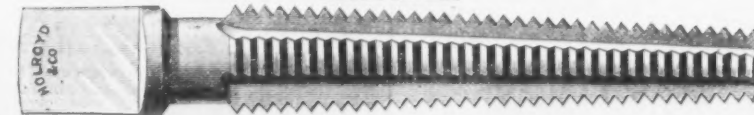
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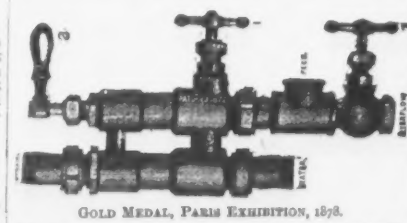
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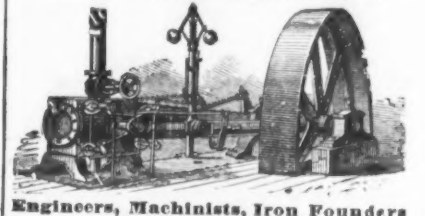
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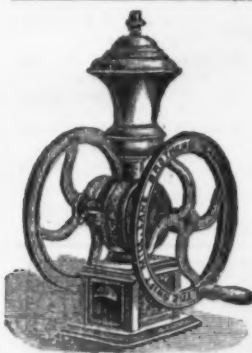
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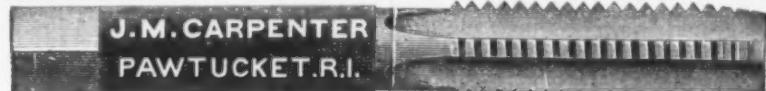
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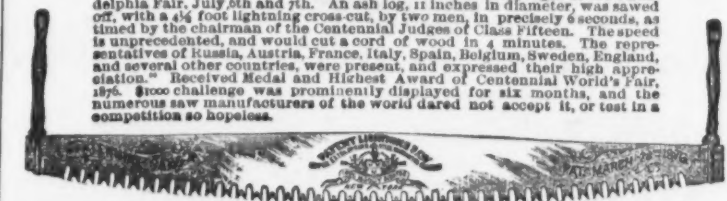
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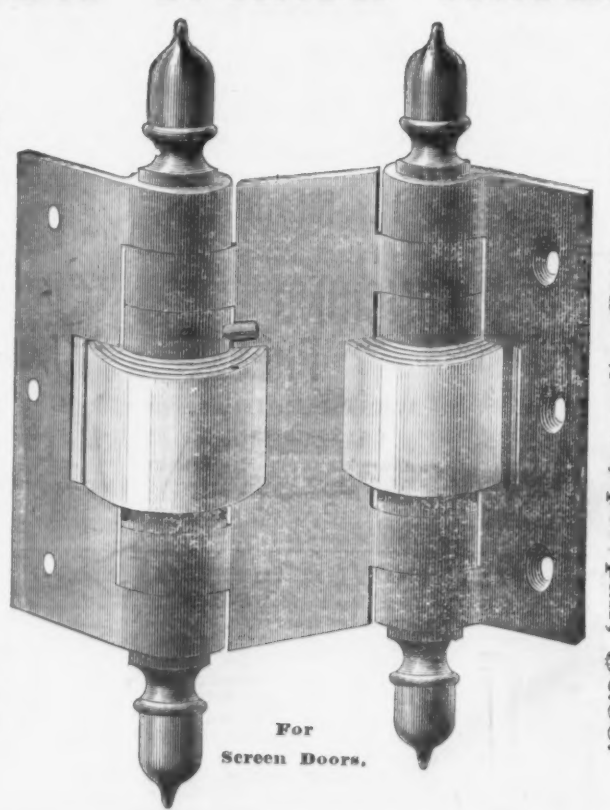
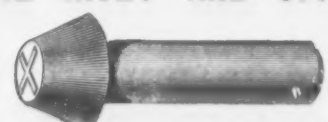
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